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(See Colored Specimens on this Plate and on Cover.)

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Special Cash Premiums, $1,000.

In addition to the above Club Premiums, we will on January 1 give the following to those who secure the most subscribers up to that time: $500 cash to the one who sends the most subscribers; $200 cash to the next largest; $100 to the next largest; $60 to the next; $40 to the next; and to the next ten largest, $10 cash each. But no cash prize will be awarded to anyone who does not send at least 50 subscribers between September 1st and January 1st. It will be necessary for each club-raiser who competes for these cash prizes to write us some time about January 1 the exact number of subscribers they have sent in. This letter must not refer to any other subject. After comparing their statements with our tally we will award the premiums and notify all who compete.

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TO OUR CUSTOMERS:

IN PRESENTING our Catalogue for 1898 we would impress upon our patrons one important fact, namely: that the bulbs herein offered are not ***second size, second quality,*** or in any respect ***inferior*** or ***cheap.*** They are in all cases the *highest-priced grades produced in Holland*, grown mainly, and with special care, for our Catalogue trade, and selected critically by experts, that only such as will produce the best possible results may be supplied to our customers. In fact, all these bulbs are ***better*** than first quality, as they are selected from first quality grades and only the *largest, strongest and most perfect specimens taken.* The fact that we have for years supplied a carefully selected grade is the reason why amateurs get so much better satisfaction from our bulbs than from others. Such a result can always be expected from the select quality we furnish. For winter blooming, in particular, they are twice as valuable as ordinary good quality. In every sense of the word they are ***"Bulbs That Bloom."***

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WHAT WE DO.

FREE BY MAIL—We send Seeds, Bulbs and Plants FREE BY MAIL, at the prices named in this Catalogue. This brings them to the very doors of our customers without trouble or expense.

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WE GUARANTEE that every package we send out shall reach its destination in good condition, and that everything shall be received exactly as ordered. If a package is lost or any of its contents injured on the way, we will send again. We also guarantee everything true to name.

WE PACK all plants carefully in strong wooden boxes, which insures their safe transit through the mails to the remotest part of the country or abroad.

WE FILL all orders as soon as received, if the stock is ready. Customers who wish their order, or any part of it, booked for shipping at a later date, should state the fact.

SPECIAL DISCOUNT—The margin of profit in Fall Bulbs is so small that discounts should not be given. We will, however, give to all purchasers of Seeds, Bulbs, Plants or Fruits from this Catalogue, **10 cents'** worth extra on every dollar's worth ordered.

WHAT BUYERS SHOULD DO.

FORWARD MONEY with the order, and at our risk when sent by post-office money order on Floral Park; greenbacks or gold or silver coin, by registered letter; bank draft or express company's money order.

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WRITE YOUR ORDER plainly and distinctly by itself and not mixed up with anything else you may wish to say. Those who send a neat plainly written order will be sure to have it filled correctly and with dispatch, and will also receive some valuable "extras." Be sure to write your NAME and ADDRESS plainly.

IMPORTANT—It occasionally happens that an order is lost in coming to us, or the goods in going to the customer; therefore, if any who order do not hear from us within a reasonable length of time, they should send a duplicate order naming the date on which the former one was sent, and the amount of money enclosed, and in what form. This will enable us to investigate the matter and fill the duplicate order with dispatch. *No inquiries will receive attention which do not contain duplicate, etc., as here mentioned.*

HARDY OR HOLLAND BULBS.

HARDY, OR HOLLAND BULBS, are most deservedly popular. In the flower garden they have wrested two months of each year from Winter's stern grasp. Before the last snowdrift has melted, the Snowdrop, Scilla and Crocus appear, close followed by a score of others that have made the name "Spring Flowers" synonymous with beauty and fragrance. Indoors they have won equal triumph. The place of honor once held by the tender Geranium and Begonia, belongs now to the Hardy Bulbs, that, while enduring the most hardships and extremes, are at the same time the most beautiful, fragrant, and the most certain to bloom.

Our sales of these bulbs are something enormous. The quantities we buy secure us the choice of Holland's annual output, and our customers get the benefit of it in fine, plump, heavy bulbs, and low prices.

Culture for Winter Blooming.

Bulbs are the most important winter bloomers for window culture. They are the easiest cared for of all flowers, and absolutely sure to bloom abundantly. Geraniums or Roses may, from some cause, fail, but bulbs never. Nothing is more pleasant or cheerful during a dreary winter than a few pots filled with Hyacinths, Tulips, Crocus, Narcissus, etc. displaying their brilliant colors and emitting their delightful fragrance for weeks. Add to these the many new bulbs which are now being cultivated for winter flowers, and at a very little trouble or expense a display of winter flowers can be produced which will be the center of attraction in any neighborhood. Freesias, Ixias, Triteleia, Alliums, Scillas, Chionodoxa, etc., are comparatively new, and beautiful beyond description.

The following is a list of the most desirable bulbs for winter bloom, being of the easiest culture, and sure to produce the most satisfactory results.

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Their culture is very simple. They can be potted during September, October or November, watered well and set away in a cellar or any cool dark place to make roots, when, after remaining four or six weeks, or as much longer as desired, they can be brought out for blooming. We earnestly advise potting the bulbs as early as possible, especially if flowers are desired as early as New Year's, for the longer time they have to make roots the better they will bloom. By bringing out a few pots at different times a succession of bloom can be kept up all winter. If they are kept in a cool place while in bloom, the flowers will keep perfect a long time. For the benefit of those who desire more explicit cultural directions we give it here in detail:

SOIL—The variety of soil is not a very important item in bulb culture. Any good garden loam will answer, but if we had a variety to choose from, we would take a rich sandy soil and mix it with a small quantity of leaf-mold. Do not use manure unless it is very old and well pulverized, and then only in small quantities, or it may cause the bulbs to decay, or encourage too rank a growth of foliage.

FLOWERING BULBS IN WATER—Some people flower Hyacinths and other bulbs in glasses of water, and while they look pretty growing in this way, we cannot recommend it, for, with the exception of the Chinese Sacred Lily, the flowers will be greatly inferior to those grown in soil.

TIME TO PLANT—Bulbs can be planted from September to December, and some kinds even later, but the earlier the better will be the result, especially if desired for early blooming. Plant in September or October if possible.

PLANTING—In planting, set the bulbs just below the surface of the soil, so that they will be entirely covered. Set the bulbs down in the soil and cover them; do not press them in by force, for this packs the soil under them, and when the roots start they are apt to lift the bulb.

AFTER PLANTING—They should be well watered and set away in some cool, dark place to make root. A cellar is best, for it is desirable that they should be kept moist and as cool as possible, hence a warm, dry place is not a good one. Water them from time to time as the soil becomes dry. They should remain in this position at least four weeks, and as much longer as possible, it being desirable that they should have good roots before bringing them out to bloom. They should, however, be brought out when vigorous top growth sets in.

BLOOMING—When brought from the cellar or storeroom, the pots of bulbs should be placed in a light, sunny window. See that they are watered frequently and have as much fresh air as possible. Keep them free from dust, and when in bloom they will last much longer kept in a cool atmosphere than in a hot one.

TREATMENT AFTER BLOOMING—After the bulbs are through blooming, if one has the room or convenience, it is best to let them remain in the pots where they are for a few weeks to mature their bulbs. They can then be set away in the cellar and allowed to dry out, in which condition they can remain until planting time—the following September. They can then be taken out and planted in the open ground. By remaining there a season they will recover much of the strength which they lost by being forced during winter, and are in most cases all right for winter blooming again. Many people who do not have a place in their windows for the plants after the flowers have faded, prefer to throw the bulbs away and buy a new supply every year. Of course, this is a good plan if one cares to do it, and there is no doubt but that fresh imported bulbs will give much better bloom than those which have been grown and flowered here once or more, yet it is too bad to throw the bulbs away, and we would advise anyone who can to keep them and plant them in the garden. We have known people who have a light cellar to succeed very well by placing the bulbs there as soon as they have bloomed. The bulbs ripen up well, even in partial light, if the air is not too hot or freezing cold.

Culture in the Garden.

Bulbs are especially valuable for outdoor planting, as they bloom at a time when the garden is utterly destitute, and make it gay and attractive. Scillas, Snowdrops and Crocus appear as soon as the snow is away, and are quickly followed by Hyacinths, Narcissus, Tulips, etc. The display which a few of these bulbs make in the early spring is indeed charming, and they are always appreciated more than any other class of flowers, for they come when most needed.

The many forms and rich and varied colors of the Tulip make this bulb one of the most important of all garden flowers for a gay and dazzling display. For delicate fragrance and refined beauty and grace, the Narcissus, with its great variety of form and charming colors, is always admired and is one of the most pleasing of all bulbous plants. Of Hyacinths we need not speak, for they are well known; their large round spikes of bloom in a garden or window lend a charm which no other plant can rival. No class of flowers are so easy to grow or surer to bloom than bulbs, and it is an established fact that they always surprise those who plant them by proving much better than one unacquainted with them can imagine.

For garden culture bulbs do not require a very rich soil, and are easily cared for. Plant in September, October, or November, which are the best months. Late in the fall the beds can be covered with leaves or other coarse litter, which should be removed early in spring. After the bulbs are through flowering, the leaves soon turn yellow and die, and are then ripe enough to be taken up and stored away for planting again in the fall, leaving the beds to be filled with other plants for the summer display, or, if desired, they can be left in the beds the whole year.

PREPARATION OF BEDS—Spade up so that the beds will be a little higher than the surface, so that water will readily drain off. If the soil is poor, add a liberal quantity of well-rotted manure.

TIME TO PLANT—September and October are the best months for planting bulbs in the garden, though it may be done in November and December. Set them from one to six inches apart, according to variety or size, and from one to three inches deep.

PROTECTION—After planting, the beds should be covered with leaves, straw or other coarse litter (as a mulch or protection), which should be removed when the bulbs start in early spring. This is not necessary to save the bulbs, for most kinds are perfectly hardy in any situation without protection, but it is most advisable to do it, for it preserves the vitality of the bulbs to a great extent, and when in bloom you can notice that those which were protected will be twice as good as those which were not.

Hyacinths.

Beyond doubt the Hyacinth is the Queen of Spring. Its hardiness, ease of culture, and certainty to bloom, would alone insure popularity, but it has the additional merit of being one of the most decorative and ornamental of plants. Its massive spikes of waxen flowers are of the most perfect shape and most delicious fragrance, while its colors sport into a hundred shades, tints and blendings. Out of the long list of Holland growers we have chosen the *very cream* of all varieties, either for pot or garden culture.

The bulbs here offered are not of second size or inferior quality, but first-class in every respect, large and selected.

ROMAN HYACINTHS.

Not at all like the Dutch or Show Hyacinths, though they do not suffer by comparison. The slender stems, arching beneath their load of daintily poised bells, are the acme of grace and elegance, while so many spikes are thrown up from each bulb that the whole pot appears a mass of bloom. Roman Hyacinths are extra good for cutting, and so early that they bloom by Christmas, or before, remaining in perfection nearly a month if the room is not kept too warm. They are extremely early and bloom in the garden with the Crocus. Two bulbs can be planted in a 4-inch pot, or 3 bulbs in a 5-inch pot. The bulbs we offer are extra large and strong, superb for winter blooming.

Single White—The most popular of all. Every window should have several pots of these. Exquisite bells, white as the driven snow, and pleasantly fragrant. Never fails to bloom. Extra large, 6c. each; 3 for 15c.; 12 for 50c.

Single Blue—Dark blue bells. About ten days later than the white, with which it forms a fine contrast. A great bloomer. Extra large, 6c. each; 3 for 15c.; 12 for 50c.

Double Light Pink—The Double Roman Hyacinths are larger than the single sorts. This sort has elegant waxy bells of pale shell pink. 6c. each; 3 for 15c.; 12 for 50c.

Double Dark Pink—Like the above, but a beautiful, clear, bright rose. Spikes long and heavy for this class. 6c. each.

Double White—New double white. The spikes of bloom are large and fine, flower double, pure snow-white and very fragrant. 15c. each; 3 for 40c.; 12 for $1.50.

Canary Yellow—Beautifully shaped bells in airy, graceful spikes; in color a soft, pleasing canary-yellow. Really the finest of all yellow Hyacinths. Large select bulbs, 15c. each; 3 for 40c.; 12 for $1.50.

One each of the 6 sorts for 40c.

Fine Mixed—Roman Hyacinths, all colors. 50c. per dozen.

EXTRA MIXED HYACINTHS FOR POTS.

Here we offer finest Dutch named sorts, mixed under color. The bulbs are *extra large and fine*, selected particularly for winter blooming. *Price, 10c. each.*

Double White, Mixed.		**Single White, Mixed.**	
" Red,	"	" Red,	"
" Pink,	"	" Pink,	"
" Blue,	"	" Blue	"
" Yellow,	"	" Yellow	"

All above Mixed Double and Single, $1.00 per dozen.

POMPON HYACINTHS.

A class of Hyacinths with comparatively small bulbs, and, as they are usually compact growers, can be more cheaply grown than the larger bulbed class. While the spikes scarcely average as heavy as other Hyacinths, the difference is small, and many specimens are fully equal to the best of the latter. They are splendid for either garden or pots, while for cutting they are best of all. Every hue, shade and color is found among them; the flowers are large and wax-like, and the spikes airy and graceful. We offer them so low that they ought to be purchased by the dozen for every plant window.

Double Red,	**Single White,**
Double Rose,	**Single Pink,**
Double Blue,	**Single Blue,**
Double White.	**Single Red.**

Price of above, 6c. each; 3 for 15c.; the 8 for 35c.

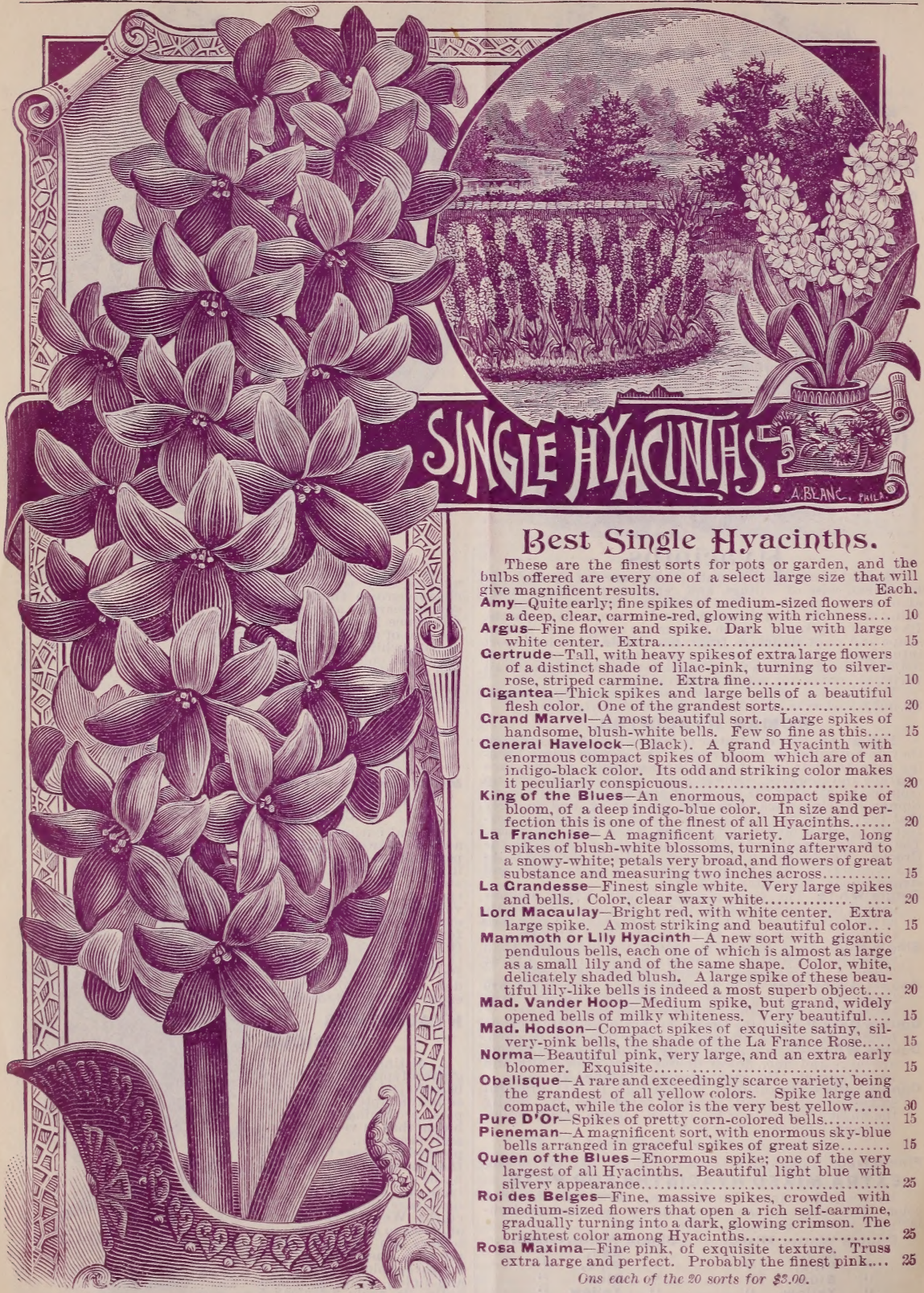
Mixed Pompon Hyacinths—All colors, double and single. 50c. per dozen; $2.50 per 100.

COCKADE HYACINTH.

A real curiosity. First, a frizzed, cockade-like spike, an inch or two in length, appears above the soil, and as it slowly rises on its long stalk, it becomes five or six times as long as at first, developing into a long, feathery blue plume, and lasting for weeks in that condition. One of those pretty, odd things that everybody likes. Perfectly hardy in the garden, and fine for pots. 5c. each; 3 for 12c.; 12 for 40c.

HYACINTHUS BELGICUS.

A distinct species, with graceful spikes of good-sized bell-shaped blossoms. It is equally adapted to garden or pots, producing a mass of bloom that is very striking and beautiful. Should be planted in masses to produce the best effect. Five or six bulbs may be planted in a 5-inch pot, and will need no more care than other Hyacinths. We offer this species at prices so low that our customers can afford to plant them in quantities. There are three colors, white, pink and violet. Price of mixed bulbs, 3c. each; 2 for 5c.; 5 for 10c.; 12 for 20c.



Best Single Hyacinths.

These are the finest sorts for pots or garden, and the bulbs offered are every one of a select large size that will give magnificent results. Each.

Amy—Quite early; fine spikes of medium-sized flowers of a deep, clear, carmine-red, glowing with richness.... 10

Argus—Fine flower and spike. Dark blue with large white center. Extra..... 15

Gertrude—Tall, with heavy spikes of extra large flowers of a distinct shade of lilac-pink, turning to silver-rose, striped carmine. Extra fine..... 10

Gigantea—Thick spikes and large bells of a beautiful flesh color. One of the grandest sorts..... 20

Grand Marvel—A most beautiful sort. Large spikes of handsome, blush-white bells. Few so fine as this.... 15

General Havelock—(Black). A grand Hyacinth with enormous compact spikes of bloom which are of an indigo-black color. Its odd and striking color makes it peculiarly conspicuous..... 20

King of the Blues—An enormous, compact spike of bloom, of a deep indigo-blue color. In size and perfection this is one of the finest of all Hyacinths..... 20

La Franchise—A magnificent variety. Large, long spikes of blush-white blossoms, turning afterward to a snowy-white; petals very broad, and flowers of great substance and measuring two inches across..... 15

La Grandesse—Finest single white. Very large spikes and bells. Color, clear waxy white..... 20

Lord Macaulay—Bright red, with white center. Extra large spike. A most striking and beautiful color... 15

Mammoth or Lily Hyacinth—A new sort with gigantic pendulous bells, each one of which is almost as large as a small lily and of the same shape. Color, white, delicately shaded blush. A large spike of these beautiful lily-like bells is indeed a most superb object.... 20

Mad. Vander Hoop—Medium spike, but grand, widely opened bells of milky whiteness. Very beautiful.... 15

Mad. Hodson—Compact spikes of exquisite satiny, silvery-pink bells, the shade of the La France Rose..... 15

Norma—Beautiful pink, very large, and an extra early bloomer. Exquisite..... 15

Obelisque—A rare and exceedingly scarce variety, being the grandest of all yellow colors. Spike large and compact, while the color is the very best yellow..... 30

Pure D'Or—Spikes of pretty corn-colored bells..... 15

Pieneman—A magnificent sort, with enormous sky-blue bells arranged in graceful spikes of great size..... 15

Queen of the Blues—Enormous spike; one of the very largest of all Hyacinths. Beautiful light blue with silvery appearance..... 25

Roi des Belges—Fine, massive spikes, crowded with medium-sized flowers that open a rich self-carmine, gradually turning into a dark, glowing crimson. The brightest color among Hyacinths..... 25

Rosa Maxima—Fine pink, of exquisite texture. Truss extra large and perfect. Probably the finest pink.... 25

One each of the 20 sorts for $3.00.

Best Double Hyacinths.

Grand select bulbs, grown especially for winter blooming, for which purpose each variety here offered is a real gem. Each.

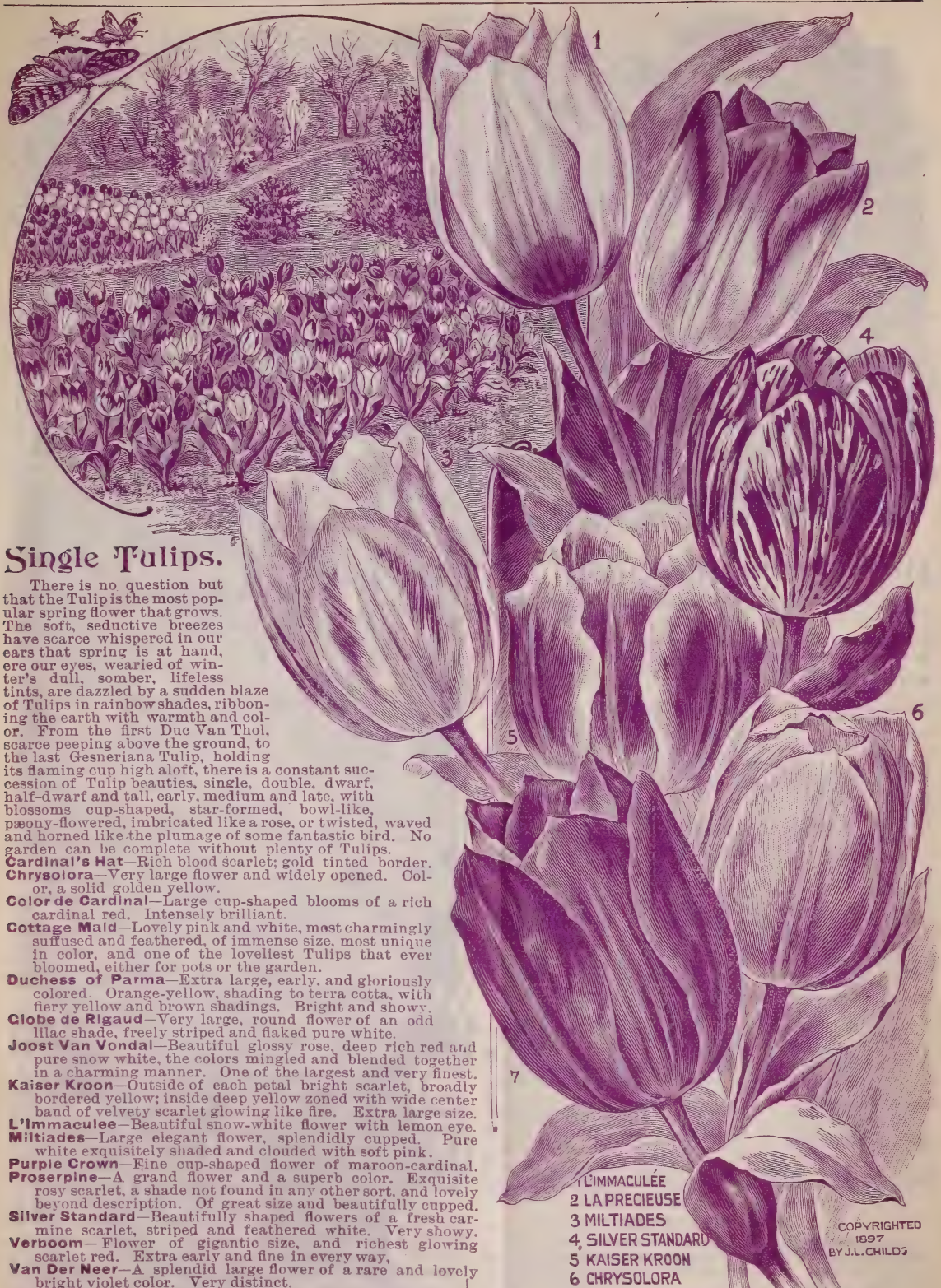
Anna Maria—A beautiful shade of blush-pink..... 20
Bouquettendre—Tall and compact truss; beautifully shaped florets of a tender rose color..... 15
Bouquet Royal—Fine light pink or blush. Extra large spike and very beautiful..... 15
Bloksberg—Beautiful light blue. Extra fine, large and beautiful truss..... 15
Czar Nicholas—An early sort with rosy pink bells. An old favorite and one of the best..... 15
Carrick—Azure blue; large compact spike. A fine sort.. 15
Crootvorst—Compact truss, large and very double bells of blush-white, with a touch of lilac-rose at center... 15
Gothe—Splendid large flower; one of the best yellows... 20
Jenny Lind—Very double; white, flushed with violet.... 20
La Tour d'Auvergne—Very early flowering, and the best of all double whites. Florets large and wax-like and spikes of immense size. Very early to bloom and the finest double Hyacinth for pots..... 20
La Grandeur—The ideal double yellow variety. No other sort of the color can approach it in size and magnificence of spike, and the clear yellow tone..... 30
Laurens Koster—A most charming variety, of rich indigo color, and large double flowers. It is a rare and high-priced sort, being one of the very best..... 30
La Virginiate—Spikes of tubular bells; soft blush-white 15
Lord Anson—Fine large spikes, florets of perfect form; color soft blush lilac, delicate and pretty..... 20
Marechal Niel—A glorious Hyacinth, as double as a rose and of a charming soft pink color. A prodigious bloomer, each bulb throwing up as many as twelve spikes. A pot of three bulbs tested by us showed 36 spikes in bloom at one time..... 30
Milton—Fine compact spike of great size and magnificent color, being a deep dark red of peculiar richness. This is one of the very choicest varieties..... 25
Noble Par Merite—Fine, compact spikes of large double flowers, as perfect as little roses. A soft shell-pink, gradually deepening into a deep peach carmine..... 15
Othello—Fine deep indigo-black. A very fine and rare color of exceeding richness and beauty..... 20
Prince of Saxe Wiemar—Tall spikes of rich indigo-blue 15
Princess Royal—Dark red with brown center; very showy 15

One each of the 20 sorts for $3.00.

MIXED HYACINTHS.

Our Mixed Hyacinths are not ordinary stock, but fine, large bulbs which will give magnificent bloom either in the house or garden. We have marked prices down very low indeed.

	Per doz.	Per 100
Single Mixed, all colors, extra fine	75	$4 50
Double Mixed, all colors, extra fine	75	4 50
Double and Single Mixed, extra fine	65	4 00
Pompon Mixed, all colors, double and single	50	2 50
Roman Mixed, all colors, double and single	50	2 50



Single Tulips.

There is no question but that the Tulip is the most popular spring flower that grows. The soft, seductive breezes have scarce whispered in our ears that spring is at hand, ere our eyes, wearied of winter's dull, somber, lifeless tints, are dazzled by a sudden blaze of Tulips in rainbow shades, ribboning the earth with warmth and color. From the first Duc Van Thol, scarce peeping above the ground, to the last Gesneriana Tulip, holding its flaming cup high aloft, there is a constant succession of Tulip beauties, single, double, dwarf, half-dwarf and tall, early, medium and late, with blossoms cup-shaped, star-formed, bowl-like, pæony-flowered, imbricated like a rose, or twisted, waved and horned like the plumage of some fantastic bird. No garden can be complete without plenty of Tulips.

Cardinal's Hat—Rich blood scarlet; gold tinted border.

Chrysolora—Very large flower and widely opened. Color, a solid golden yellow.

Color de Cardinal—Large cup-shaped blooms of a rich cardinal red. Intensely brilliant.

Cottage Maid—Lovely pink and white, most charmingly suffused and feathered, of immense size, most unique in color, and one of the loveliest Tulips that ever bloomed, either for pots or the garden.

Duchess of Parma—Extra large, early, and gloriously colored. Orange-yellow, shading to terra cotta, with fiery yellow and brown shadings. Bright and showy.

Globe de Rigaud—Very large, round flower of an odd lilac shade, freely striped and flaked pure white.

Joost Van Vondal—Beautiful glossy rose, deep rich red and pure snow white, the colors mingled and blended together in a charming manner. One of the largest and very finest.

Kaiser Kroon—Outside of each petal bright scarlet, broadly bordered yellow; inside deep yellow zoned with wide center band of velvety scarlet glowing like fire. Extra large size.

L'Immaculee—Beautiful snow-white flower with lemon eye.

Miltiades—Large elegant flower, splendidly cupped. Pure white exquisitely shaded and clouded with soft pink.

Purple Crown—Fine cup-shaped flower of maroon-cardinal.

Proserpine—A grand flower and a superb color. Exquisite rosy scarlet, a shade not found in any other sort, and lovely beyond description. Of great size and beautifully cupped.

Silver Standard—Beautifully shaped flowers of a fresh carmine scarlet, striped and feathered white. Very showy.

Verboom—Flower of gigantic size, and richest glowing scarlet red. Extra early and fine in every way.

Van Der Neer—A splendid large flower of a rare and lovely bright violet color. Very distinct.

White Swan—Large, pure white flowers; extra fine for winter blooming.

Wowerman—Extra large and fine. Deep magenta-purple.

PRICE—*4 cents each; 3 for 10c.; the 17 for 50c. Any variety by the dozen at 30c. per dozen.*

FINE MIXED SINGLE TULIPS.

All the above and many others, 20c. per dozen; $1.25 per 100; $10.00 per 1,000.

GRAND DOUBLE TULIPS.

Double Tulips produce very large double flowers, many of which are as large and showy as a Pæony. They are recoming more and more popular each year, which they justly merit. A very pretty show can be made by planting several colors, such as yellow, white, rose and crimson, in the same bed. The bright colors of the large double blossoms contrast splendidly and make a charming display.

Alba Maxima—Enormous flower, perfectly double like a Pæony, pure white in color, with delicate shadowy tinge of soft pink. Exceedingly fine.

Blue Flag—Late. Flower beautiful shape; a distinct color.

Count of Leicester—Another very distinct and finely colored sort. Light orange, feathered yellow.

Duke of York—Beautiful incurved flowers of poppy-red, broadly edged white.

Gloria Solus—Of enormous size and very double Bright scarlet, edged yellow.

Golden Tournesoll—Exceedingly fine for winter blooming. The finest double yellow Tulip in cultivation. Flowers very large and double, and of a beautiful golden-yellow color.

La Candeur—Large and double; wax-like pure white. Largely used for cemetery planting.

Mariage de Ma Fille—Immense flower of the most perfect shape and superb coloring. Currant-red, banded, striped, flaked and feathered with pure white.

Murillo—Large, graceful flowers of flesh-white, bordered and clouded rose.

Ma Cousine—Of remarkable coloring. Carmine violet, edged pink and flamed golden yellow and brick-red.

Double Crown—Large and double flower. Dark cardinal-red with black shadings. One of the best.

Queen Victoria—Blood-red. Very double.

Rex Rubrorum—Large double flower of deepest scarlet. Very double and perfect.

Rose Blanche—Large incurved white; most perfect shape.

Rose La Reine—Fine rosy scarlet. A lovely color.

Salvator Rose—Gigantic size, elegant shape and of the loveliest soft rosy color, with pure white stripes.

Yellow Rose—A magnificent sort, of very largest size and most perfect form. Deep, brilliant yellow.

PRICE—*4c. each; 3 for 10c.; the 17 for 50c. Any variety by the dozen at 35c.*

SPLENDID MIXED DOUBLE TULIPS—*All varieties, 25c. per dozen; $1.50 per 100; $10.00 per 1,000.*

Duc Van Thol Tulips.

These are the best of all for house culture, and the first of all to bloom out of doors. They are noted for there depth and purity of their colors, and as they bloom two weeks in advance of all other Tulips, are quite indispensable in the garden, as well as the house for winter.

Crimson—Fine for contrast.
Gold Striped—Scarlet, striped gold.
Rose—White, shaded with clear rose. Delicate and beautiful.
Scarlet—Brilliant, dazzling scarlet.
Violet—Lovely violet-crimson white border. Very distinct.
White—A fine pure color.
Orange—A fine bedder.
Vermilion—Fine bright color.
Double—These are popular for house culture, as they are so certain to bloom, and so early and fine. No other double Tulips are as well adapted to pot culture. They are very brilliant, and being double remain perfect a long time. Color, red and yellow.

PRICE—*3c. each; the 9 for 25c.; 30c. per dozen.*

Mixed Duc Van Thol Tulips—All colors, 25c. doz.; $1.50 100.

Darwin Tulips.

A new race of Tulips which produce only solid self colors and bloom early in May. The flowers are of great size like Gesneriana and are borne on tall graceful stems. The colors are exceedingly rich and varied, ranging through all the shades of rose, deep red, violet, purple-blues to coal black. Darwins are probably the most showy class of Tulips in cultivation, abed of them producing an effect which for rich splendor is not surpassed by any other flower. A valuable novelty which all should try.

Mixed—All colors and shades, fine bulbs. Dozen, 30c.; 100, $2.00.
Large Black—Pure coal black.
Large Rose—Soft and delicate.
Large Crimson—Showy.
Large Blue—Fine color.
PRICE—*6c. each; the 4 for 20c.*

Parrot Tulips.

A flower more bizarre, fantastic or grotesque, would be hard to find. A bed or clump of them always attracts much attention. They are six, seven and eight inches across, with petals toothed, horned, twisted and waved, now loosely in curved, now spread flatly out like a star. Some are yellow, some are crimson, or again dashed, flaked or feathered with green, gold or scarlet. Fine to plant among shrubbery, or for bedding. They grow ten inches in height, and bloom just after the double Tulips.

Constantinople—Fine deep crimson.
Gloriosa—Yellow, splashed and streaked crimson and green.
Perfecta—Gaily striped yellow and red.
Lutea Major—Fine yellow.
Cramoise Brilliant—Deep, dark rich ruby crimson, with large, star-shaped black center. Extraordinary large sized, being 8 or 9 inches across. The most magnificent of all Parrots and the best adapted to winter blooming. It is simply grand.

PRICE—*5c. each; the 5 for 15c.; 30c. per doz.*

Fine Mixed Parrot Tulips—All varieties, doz., 25c.; 100, $1.50.

Tulipa Gesneriana.

The grandest Tulip in existence. Tall growing and late blooming, with large, long leaves, and tall erect flower stalks, which support great waxen blooms larger than teacups, of the most vivid, glossy, coral-red, each flower showing a deep blue-black blotch at the base, that further enhances its beauty. They remain in bloom a long time, and clumps of this grand flower are particularly fine planted among evergreens or shrubbery lighting up their sombre background as with a flaming torch.

Scarlet Blue Center—The true Gesneriana, as described above.
Golden Yellow—Exactly like the above, except a golden yellow color. A superb novelty.

PRICE—*5c. each; 3 of each for 20c.; 12 for 35c.*

TULIPA GESNERIANA.

Picotee Tulips.

These are quite new, and to our minds the most exquisite of all. They bloom later than the single early varieties, or about the same time as the Byblooms. Flowers very large, and borne on tall, graceful stems, like Gesneriana. Each petal has a distinct border of bright crimson which is most beautiful, and gives them the name of "Picotee." They are extra fine for winter blooming and for the garden, but they will show the most color in the garden.

Picotee White—Exquisite wavy petals of large size; pure white with a fine border of crimson, which makes the flower exceptionally beautiful.

Picotee Yellow—Golden yellow, with crimson edge.

PRICE—*5c. each; 6, (3 of each) for 25c.; 40c. per dozen.*

Variegated Foliage Tulips.

These Tulips are doubly desirable in that the foliage as well as the blossoms is very handsome. The broad green leaves are elegantly bordered or striped with white or creamy-yellow, which sets off the brilliancy of the blossoms to great advantage. For pots they are just superb, and bloom splendidly in midwinter. For the garden they are novel. Mixed all colors, double and single, 3 for 10c.; 12 for 35c.

Bizard and Bybloom Tulips.

It seems strange these are not more commonly grown, for their large cup-like blossoms, feathered and flaked as only a Tulip can be, are always admired more than any other. Byblooms have white, light or violet grounds, flaked and feathered, rose, lilac, pink, purple, violet, scarlet, black and crimson. Bizards have yellow grounds, flamed and blazed maroon, black, scarlet, bronze and brown. We offer a fine mixture of every imaginable color and marking. We know our customers, if they could but see a bed of these in their gorgeous splendor, could not resist the temptation of buying a liberal quantity of them.

Byblooms—White ground, variegated with various colors. Fifty finest sorts, mixed, 4c. each; 3 for 10c.; 12 for 30c.

Bizards—Yellow ground, variegated. Fifty fine sorts, mixed. 3c. each; 4 for 10c.; 12 for 25c.; 100 for $1.50.

Sweet-Scented Tulips.

A new class of Tulips, with a charming fragrance, as well as beauty and brilliancy. Customers will be delighted with them either for pots or garden.

Prince of Austria—Enormous flower, of broad and round form, and of the same lovely orange-scarlet as T. Greigi. Delightfully sweet scented, and a great acquisition.

Florentina — Large golden-yellow; very sweet. Buds, when closed, look like an enormous Tea Rose.

Macrospila — Brilliant red, with dark zone-like center, bordered yellow. Size of Tulip Gesneriana.

6c. each; the 3 for 15c.; 50c. dozen.

Mixed Tulips.

Our mixed Tulips are of extra fine quality, being made up from first-class named sorts and much superior to the ordinary grades.

	Per doz.	Per 100
Double Fine Mixed—All colors	.25	$1 50
Single Fine Mixed—All colors	.20	1 25
Parrot Fine Mixed—All colors	.25	1 50
Byblooms, Fine Mixed—All colors	.30	1 75
Bizards, Fine Mixed—All colors	.25	1 50
Duc Van Thol, Fine Mixed—All colors	.25	1 50
Darwin, Fine Mixed—All colors	.30	2 00

The Narcissus.

The Narcissus is fast becoming a rival to the Hyacinth and Tulip. The massive spikes of the one and the vivid colors of the other are missing, but the Narcissus—the Daffodil of the poets—has charms of its own to counter-balance these. For cutting or wearing it is the best of the three, being by far the best vase flower of the spring. Most of the garden sorts are particularly showy in masses, and do not require frequent re-setting to keep in vigor and flower, needing no care, in fact, beyond the planting. Others of this family are among our best pot bulbs, their clustered stars and stately trumpets of white and cream, lemon, orange and yellow, giving variety, fragrance and warmth of color to our window gardens. In pots they may be had in bloom from Christmas until April. Out of doors, from the earliest to the latest, they last fully two months. Our collection is a particularly choice one and *true to name*. We offer our bulbs at a low price to encourage extensive planting. Try a few bulbs both for the house and garden. They will prove so beautiful and increase so rapidly you will feel doubly repaid for your outlay. They can be grouped along the border of shrubberies, or at the foot of rockeries, or under trees. Everyone should have early, medium and late sorts, as well as some of each of different types.

FINE SINGLE NARCISSUS.

Cynosure—Yellowish perianth, deep orange cup stained crimson. Very fine.

Corbulata—Fine golden yellow and of exquisite form.

Leedsi—A lovely early sort, pure white perianth straw cup.

Trumpet Major—Golden yellow. One of the best for massing. Fine also for winter blooming. Early.

Scoticus or Garland—Perianth white, trumpet yellow. Extra for forcing.

Pseudo Daffodil, or Lent Lily—Very early and pretty, white and gold.

Stella—A favorite vase or corsage flower. One of the best for house culture. Extra large star-like flowers, creamy-white, with clear yellow cup. Early and quite distinct.

Princeps—Elegant large trumpet of a delicate canary yellow, and large sulphur-white perianth. One of the most elegant and beautiful of all Narcissus. A very early bloomer and extra fine either for the garden or for winter blooming in pots. Plant it largely.

Nana—The lovely dwarf golden Daffodil.

Incomparabilis Simplex—The fine old golden Daffodil.

PRICE *of above, 5c. each; any 5 for 20c.; the 10 sorts for 35c.; any variety at 40c. per dozen.*

Narcissus Poeticus.

Well known and loved by all. Exquisite garden flowers yet equally valuable for winter blooming in pots, of which Ornatus is the grandest. Try them.

Poeticus, Pure White—With scarlet-edged crown. Very fragrant. Late. Dozen, 30c.; per 100. $1.50.

Poeticus, Ornatus—The great beauty of this new Poeticus is admirably represented in the cut here shown, though it cannot do justice, of course, to the pure waxy colors of the petals and cup. The flower is large, of the most perfect shape, snow-white in color, with a crimson-bordered cup. Not only is it the most beautiful Poeticus, but by far the most valuable, on account of its extreme earliness, blooming three weeks before the old sort. For winter blooming in pots it is just exquisite, and being very cheap it should be freely planted. 35c. per dozen.

Poeticus Poetarum—Pure white with orange scarlet cup.

Poeticus, fl. pl. Double—The charming double Poeticus. Pure white Jassmine fragrance. Per dozen, 35c.

PRICE *of above Poeticus Narcissus 3c. each; the 4 for 10c.*

FINE DOUBLE NARCISSUS.

Aurantius—Beautiful Gardenia-like flowers, and very double. The large outer petals are sulphur-yellow, the small center petals of sulphur and orange. Very early.

Albo PlenoOdorato—A pure white flower of medium size but very double. Late.

Incomparable—Medium early. Large handsome flowers, as double as a rose. Bright canary, interspersed with orange center petals.

Pumulus Plenus—Pure yellow, very double. The old fashioned Daffodil.

Orange Phœnix—Nearly pure white outer petals. Center well filled with mixed white and deep orange petals.

Van Sion—Old, but unexcelled. Extra fine for cutting. Single, star-like perianth, and long double trumpet filled with beautiful crimped petals. Deep golden yellow.

PRICE *of above finest Double sorts, 5c. each; the 6 for 25c.; any variety at 40c. per dozen.*

PAN OF WINTER-BLOOMING NARCISSUS.

Rare Winter-Blooming Narcissus.

The following Narcissus are extra fine new sorts of great size and supreme beauty. Do not fail to try one or more of them either in the garden or in pots for winter blooming. Their beauty will be a revelation to you. Extra large bulbs for winter blooming. The cut in this column shows a pan of different Narcissus blooming during winter, for which purpose they have no superiors among bulbs.

Golden Spur—Flower 4½ to 5 inches across and nearly as long. Petals of the perianth broad and smooth, long and widely flared trumpet, with deeply frilled and furrowed border. Color, a deep golden yellow. Blooms early and flowers last three weeks. 10c. each; 3 for 25c.; 12 for 75c.

Horsfieldi—An early and remarkably beautiful flower. Of the most perfect trumpet form, the trumpet being deep yellow and the perianth pure white. The enormous size and lovely form of this Narcissus, added to its two distinct and pure colors, make it of great value. 10c. each; 3 for 25c.; 12 for 80c.

Sir Walkins—Is of the chalice-flower type, or half-trumpet form. A gigantic flower, 4 or 5 inches across, with broad wing-like petals that shade from canary yellow at the tips to golden yellow at the base. Cup, golden yellow. 15c. each; 3 for 35c.; 12 for $1.30.

Henry Irving—Large golden yellow, round shape, great size and beauty. 10c. each; 3 for 25c.; 12 for 80c.

Princeps Major—Enormous large trumpet of the most beautiful form. Golden yellow with great sulphur white perianth. One of the most lovely of all. 10c. each; 3 for 20c.; 12 for 50c.

Moschatus—Large trumpet-shaped flower, of a pure white color throughout. The blossoms are of exquisite shape and pendulous or nodding, unlike any other sort, and lovely beyond description. 15c. each; 3 for 30c.

Emperor—Broad rich yellow trumpet, perianth deep primrose. Its foliage is very strong and the blooms enormous in size. Probably the most superb Narcissus in cultivation. Flowers of great substance. 15c. each; 3 for 40c.

Empress—Possesses the same gigantic size and fine form of Emperor, but with golden perianth and white trumpet. Superior to Horsfieldi, which it somewhat resembles. Very scarce and rare. 15c. each; 3 for 40c.

One each of the 8 sorts for 75c.; 3 each for $2.00.

MIXED NARCISSUS.

We have prepared a very fine mixture of Narcissus, which includes some of the finer varieties. For extensive planting, for clumps and vases they are just the thing.

Double Mixed—All colors. 40c. per dozen; $2.50 per 100.

Single Mixed—All colors and varieties. A superb collection. 35c. per dozen; $2.00 per 100.

Mixed Narcissus—All sorts of Double and Single, many varieties, and will make a magnificent bed, blooming year after year. Per dozen, 30c.; per 100, $1.80.

Two Grand Narcissus

For winter blooming few bulbs are so popular and so largely grown as the Paper White Grandiflora and Double Roman Narcissus. Realizing their importance, we have, by special contract, secured from France a quantity of bulbs of each, which are of EXTRA SIZE AND STRENGTH, especially for pot culture, and the amount and beauty of bloom from these fine bulbs will be far greater than from ordinary ones.

Paper White Grandiflora—An improvement on the common Paper White, the flower being about twice the size, of beautiful star-like form, pearly whiteness and delicious fragrance. It is a very early and profuse bloomer, and can be had in full beauty at Christmas and New Year's. One of the very best of winter-blooming bulbs. Large select bulbs, 10c. each; 3 for 20c.; 12 for 75c.

Double Roman—This is grown so extensively in Palestine and Turkey that it is known as the Sacred Narcissus of Constantinople. In Jerusalem it is the leading favorite of all flowers. Flowers very double, pure white with yellow center, and borne in large clusters. Its fragrance is superb, and it blooms very early and freely either in pots or the open ground. A grand winter bloomer. Large, select bulbs, 10c. each; 3 for 20c.; 12 for 75c.

Polyanthus Narcissus.

They are considered the best of all Narcissus for pot culture, and by many esteemed the most beautiful. By starting the dry bulbs at intervals from September until January, a succession of flowers can be secured from Christmas until the first of May. No trouble to grow. Treat as you would Hyacinths. The flowers of this class are borne in large clusters and are exceedingly fragrant, like orange blossoms.

Grand Soile d'Or—This has every possible merit, without a fault. A medium early bloomer that lasts a full month in flower. Large clusters of exceedingly pretty flowers of a clear lemon with deep orange cup. Very fragrant.

Grootvorst—White with lemon cup. Very pretty and of good size. No variety possesses a richer fragrance than this.

Lord Canning—Extra fine, of a deep or dark yellow color, the petals being a little lighter in shade than the cups.

Queen of Netherlands—Very early and extra large and fine. Pure white; exquisite fragrance.

Bathurst—Fine pale yellow, delicate and beautiful, and contrasts finely with other colors. It is in fact so distinct as to be necessary to make any collection complete.

Newton—Fine yellow with deep orange cup. Extra free bloomer, and early.

PRICE—*6c. each; the 6 for 30c. Any variety at 65c. per dozen.*

Sacred Lilies.

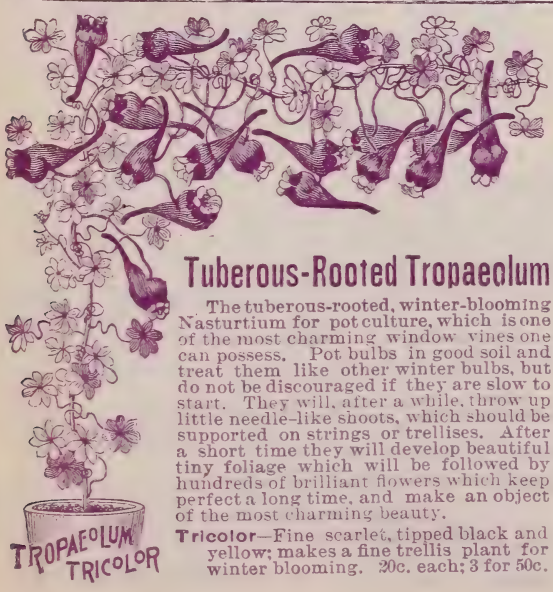
Of all winter flowers the Sacred Lilies are probably the most popular and universally grown. Few flowers equal them in beauty and fragrance, and none in free growing and blooming qualities.

Chinese Sacred Lily—This is the one great winter-blooming bulb which is more eagerly sought after than any other. The bulbs are very large, and each one sends up from five to twelve spikes which bear clusters of large, perfect, waxy-white blossoms with a yellow center, and of a powerful and delicious fragrance, which is not excelled by any flower. They grow well in pots of soil; but the most popular way of blooming them is the Chinese method, as follows: Fill a bowl or some similar vessel with pebbles, in which place the bulb, setting it about one-half its depth, so that it will be held firmly, then fill with water to the top of the pebbles and place in a warm, sunny window. The bulb will at once commence a rapid growth and bloom in two or three weeks. Our bulbs are expected to arrive from China in September. Orders for them will be booked and the bulbs sent out as soon as they arrive. To make sure of getting the best bulbs order as early as possible this fall. *Most of the Chinese Sacred Lilies sold now so cheaply are Bermuda grown and in no respect equal to these from China. Beware of such worthless stock.*

PRICE—Imported Chinese bulbs, ready Oct. 1, large and selected, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; 8 for $1.00.

Japanese Double Sacred Lily—This is very fine with large clusters of double blossoms. Offered last year for the first and sure to become very popular. Pure white with orange center. 15c. each; 3 for 30c.; 12 for $1.00.

Golden Sacred Lily—As compared with the Chinese Sacred Lily this produces a much larger flower, though the bulb is smaller. Its fragrance is even better and its color a deep glowing yellow. Each bulb produces several spikes of bloom, and thrives in soil, or pebbles and water. Bulbs bloom very quickly after planting and may always be had for Christmas and New Year's, or even earlier. No winter flower is more beautiful, fragrant, or easier grown. May be had in flower at any time all winter, stands freezing and any amount of abuse, and is sure to do well for anyone in any window. The bulbs are so cheap that three or four should be planted in a five-inch pot, or a bowl of pebbles and water. It is also perfectly hardy and may be planted in the garden, where it will bloom in spring, almost as early as the Crocus. This splendid flower is a highly improved species of the great Narcissus family, as is also the Chinese Sacred Lily. Fine large flowering bulbs, 6c. each; 2 for 10c.; 6 for 25c.



Tuberous-Rooted Tropaeolum

The tuberous-rooted, winter-blooming Nasturtium for pot culture, which is one of the most charming window vines one can possess. Pot bulbs in good soil and treat them like other winter bulbs, but do not be discouraged if they are slow to start. They will, after a while, throw up little needle-like shoots, which should be supported on strings or trellises. After a short time they will develop beautiful tiny foliage which will be followed by hundreds of brilliant flowers which keep perfect a long time, and make an object of the most charming beauty.

Tricolor—Fine scarlet, tipped black and yellow; makes a fine trellis plant for winter blooming. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

SPECIAL OFFER.

For only 30c. we will send one each Chinese, Japanese Double and Great Golden Sacred Lilies.

Select Crocus.

The Crocus is the recognized harbinger of spring. Between the lulls of late winter's tempest its brave little flowers first appear, minding not the least frosts or flurries of snow. For six weeks its bright flowers smile saucily at us, quite sure of their welcome. Their cost is so trifling that all can afford to plant them freely. The Crocus has been much improved late years in size of blossoms and variety of colorings. Crocus are extra fine for borders, etc., and are particularly charming dotted by twos and threes over the lawn. When up, they come in earliest spring and peep through the grass, as the wild flowers do in the meadow.

Fine Mixed Crocus—Of all colors. Fine select bulbs, 10c. per doz.; 60c. per 100; $4.00 per 1,000.

Fancy Named Crocus.

The following are extra fine named sorts, of odd and beautiful colors.

Dandy—Fine blue, white edged; lovely.
Othello—Rich purple-black.
Montblanc—Large snow-white; grand.
Purpurea Grandiflora—Rich purple; enormous.
Cloth of Gold—Bright yellow, black spots.
Van Speyk—Extra large, rich violet-purple, striped white; the finest of the large-flowered striped sorts.
Sir John Bright—Lovely azure blue, large fine flower and a profuse bloomer.

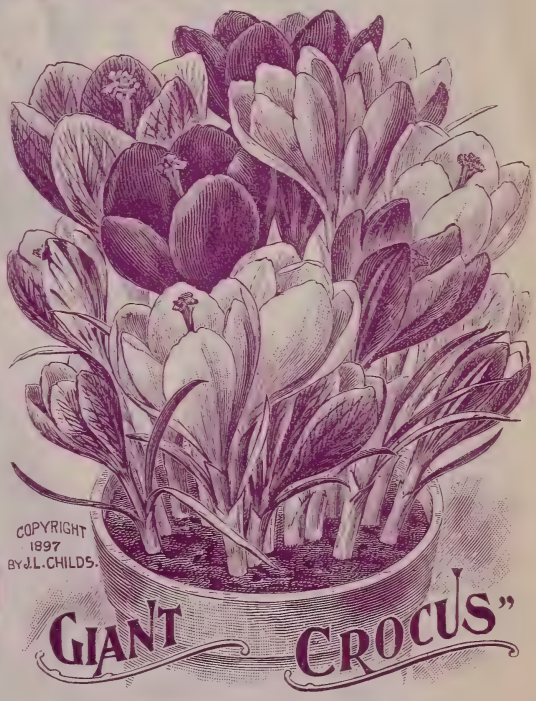
CROCUS BIFLORA.

GIANT YELLOW.

Giant Yellow—It is astonishing the amount of blooms a single bulb of this Crocus will furnish. The handsome flowers are very large and brilliant, and a row of them is a wave of gold. Not another flower of its season makes such a display of brightness or becomes such a complete mass of bloom. More than twenty blooms have been counted from a single bulb. Bulbs are about the size of a Tulip and bloom extra early.

Biflora—A favorite, because of its extreme earliness as well as for its general beauty. The flower-cup is beautifully flaked and feathered with purple on the outside, while the inside is white and yellow tinged blue. Quite fragrant also, and a most profuse bloomer. A truly lovely flower and particularly adapted to pot culture.

PRICE—*15c. per dozen; $1.00 per 100; 3 each of the 9 sorts for 30c.; 12 each for $1.00.*



Giant Flowered Crocus.

A few special extra large flowering sorts of which we offer extra fine bulbs for winter blooming.

Mammoth White—Enormous pure white lily-like blossoms.
Mammoth Yellow—Gigantic bulbs which produce large golden blossoms in great masses.
Mammoth Striped (Lord Fielding)—Great blossoms beautifully striped violet on white ground.
Mammoth Blue—(Sir J. Franklin)—Largest and finest blue.

PRICE *of above Crocus, 3c. each; 20c. per dozen. One each of the 4 sorts for 10c.; 3 each for 25c.; 12 each for 80c.*

Giant Flowered Mixed—This strain is a special mixture of the best new sorts and improved seedlings, prepared for us in Holland by those who make a specialty of these bulbs. Only those sorts with the largest flowers and best colors are admitted in the mixture. Either for garden or house this Crocus mixture cannot be surpassed. Crocus for the house do not thrive under dry heat or gas, but do well in any sunny window of moderate temperature; they can even be grown in rooms almost destitute of fire heat. This strain of Crucus will be to our customers a revelation of beauty such as they cannot anticipate. Try them, both in the garden and in pots, by all means. Do not miss the beautiful treat they will afford you. 15c. per doz.; $1.00 per 100.

Freesias.

A new class of Bulbs, splendidly adapted for winter blooming, and are, we believe, the most popular winter blooming Bulbs for amateurs. They are always sure to succeed and bloom elegantly for anyone in any situation, and the great beauty and fragrance of the flowers are everywhere admired, almost as no other winter bloomer is. The blossoms or buds when cut and placed in vases of water will keep perfect two weeks. In pots they commence blooming early and continue for a long time, the stems branching freely and producing several clusters of bloom in succession. Four to six bulbs can be planted in a five inch pot. They commence growth immediately after planting and need not be put away to form roots like Hyacinths, unless it is more convenient to do so. Planting successively from September to November will give a succession of bloom through the winter. We cannot too earnestly urge customers to plant this charming winter flower. Their free growth, abundant bloom, delicate beauty and charming fragrance will be a surprise and delight to all. The bulbs we supply are extra large and strong.

Various Colored Grandiflora—This grand new strain is the finest of all Freesias, possessing tints, colors and variegations not before seen. Not only are the white and yellow colors seen, but pink, purple, violet, primrose, canary and some purple shades so deep and rich as to be almost red. The flowers are of gigantic size and borne in extra large clusters. The fragrance is rich and powerful. All colors mixed, 5c. each; 6 for 20c.; 12 for 35c.; 25 for 60c.

Refracta Alba—Pure white, very sweet and popular. Fine large bulbs. 2 for 5c.; 15c. per dozen; $1.25 per 100.

Leichtlini Major—Rich orange yellow and white. 2 for 5c.; 15c. per dozen.

Giant Bermuda—A magnificent strain. Flowers very large and freely produced. 2 for 5c.; 20c. per doz.; $1.50 per 100.

Mammoth French—Bulbs of enormous size. The magnitude of bloom which one of these bulbs will give will be perfectly astonishing. For winter blooming they are immense. 5c. each; 3 for 10c.; 12 for 35c.

Scarlet Freesia (Anomatheca Cruenta)—This is much like a Freesia in all respects except that it does not flower so early. Its flowers are bright scarlet, blotched with dark carmine, and very showy. 6c. each; 3 for 15c.; 12 for 50c.

Ranunculus.

We know of no other low-priced bulb that is so shamefully neglected. Their long, wiry stems fit them admirably for cutting, and for late spring bedding they have few equals, blooming, as they do, so freely, and bridging over the gap between the Tulips and the early garden flowers. For this purpose plant them three or four inches apart and two inches deep, with the claws downward. They bear the most lovely flowers imaginable—pink, white, black, yellow, red, blush and variegated, each about two inches in diameter and as double and as perfectly imbricated as a Dahlia or Rose. After the foliage turns yellow the bulbs should be lifted and not replaced until late in the fall, or they will spring up before winter. Always choose a sheltered location. For house culture, plant five or six bulbs in 5 inch pot, and treat as Hyacinths. They are charming winter bloomers.

Mont Blanc—Large and double; pure white.
Fire Ball—Fine double scarlet.
Apollo—Magnificent yellow.
Black Turban—Large, double, black; odd and superb.
Belladonna—Rose black edge.
Rockolico—Fine spotted; new and fine.
Robinson—Fine pure rose; extra.

PRICE *4c. each; 3 for 10c.; the 7 for 20c.; 30c. per dozen.*

Giant French, Mixed—A grand new strain of large flowering habit, and the most magnificent colors. See colored specimens on cover. Price, 2 for 5c.; 12 for 20c.

SINGLE ANEMONE (ROSETTE)

DOUBLE ANEMONE.

Anemones.

Very beautiful and brilliant spring flowering bulbs, which should be found in all gardens. They possess a beautiful range of very fine colors, such as brilliant scarlet, red, blue, rose, striped, carnation, etc. For pot culture they are very fine indeed and succeed best if left in the same pot year after year without removing or disturbing. The time has now come for Anemones to be grown extensively; both for winter blooming and for the garden. For either purpose they are magnificent and cost very little. Onr cut shows the three types, Single, Double and Rosette.

Rosette of Nice—Very distinct and beautiful, fine rosy pink; very early and profuse bloomer. 2 for 5c.; 12 for 20c.
Double Mixed—All colors, 3 for 5c.; 15c. per dozen.
Single Mixed—All colors, 3 for 5c.; 15c. per dozen.

Oxalis.

These varieties of Oxalis are all for winter blooming. They make the most beautiful hanging pots and baskets, producing a mass of flowers all winter which in brilliant and beautiful colors are truly charming. Winter-blooming Oxalis are always sure to please. Plant five or six bulbs in a 6 inch pot. They commence growth immediately after planting and need not be set away to form roots like most other bulbs. They bloom during the entire winter, a thing we can expect of very few plants or bulbs, and are for that reason doubly worthy of a place in every collection of winter blooming bulbs. Our bulbs are particularly fine, and the Grand Duchess, Bermuda Buttercup, and Versicolor, will be found to be exceedingly showy and free blooming.

Grand Duchess—This is entirely new and is offered now for the first time. There is no doubt of its being the grandest sort known. Blossoms immense, 2 to 3 inches across, form well above the foliage, and of the most lovely pink color, leaves, large clover-shaped and handsome. A most persistent bloomer, remaining constantly in flower from November to June. Surely one of the most exquisite and satisfactory of all winter blooming bulbs. 10c. each; 3 for 20c.; 12 for 60c.

Flava—Another fine new sort, with large beautiful cut or "crow-foot" leaves and gigantic blossoms of finest lemon yellow.

Bowl—Extra large brilliant red blossoms and luxuriant foliage. One of the very best.

Lutea Major—Bright golden yellow in large clusters. One of the most magnificent.

Versicolor—The prettiest of all. Beautiful foliage and compact growth with an abundance of large pearly white blossoms, each petal having a wide border of brilliant scarlet, a combination which is truly charming.

Bermuda Buttercup—A fine, robust growing, large flowering yellow sort from Bermuda. Blooms in enormous panicles, each flower being as large as a silver half dollar and of a clear bright yellow color. Bulbs commence blooming soon after planting and continue all winter without a break. Easily grown in any window and a most satisfactory winter bloomer.

Double Yellow (or Double Buttercup Oxalis)—This is exactly like the above except its blossoms are perfectly double like a rose. One of the finest of all flowers for winter-blooming. A great acquisition.

PRICE *of all except Grand Duchess. 5c. each; 3 of any one kind for 10c.; 12 for 30c. One bulb each of the 7 fine sorts 30c.*

Mixed Oxalis, 25 Sorts—A fine mixture of a great variety of fine winter-blooming sorts. 15c. per doz.; $1.00 per 100.

CHIONODOXA.

Chionodoxa.—(*Glory of the Snow.*)

Once to see this floral gem is always to want it. Resembling somewhat Scilla Siberica, it yet differs from it, and has a charm peculiarly its own. The purest, clearest tones of blue are to be found in these flowers that appear so early that they are often overtaken by winter's last forays and become literally, Glories *in* the Snow. Blue is always a scarce color among house plants, and as the Chionodoxa succeed well in the house, a pot or two of them should be grown in every window. Like all small bulbs, several should be planted in the same pot, as they appear best in masses.

Their greatest value, however, is for garden planting. Here they increase rapidly and soon form great clumps that in early spring are a cloud of blue flowers in dainty sprays just long enough for cutting or to wear. Perfectly hardy in the coldest part of the country. Plant two inches deep.

Luciliæ—Lovely azure blue, with large pure white center.
Sardensis—Dark blue with small white and pink center.
Timoulsi—Dwarf; fine bright blue; new and rare.
Gigantea—Very large size; fine light blue with white eye.

PRICE—*3c. each; 12 for 15c.; 25 for 25c.; 100 for 75c.; 3 each of the 4 sorts for 20c.*

Jonquils.

These dainty flowers are a gleam of gold when in bloom and large clumps or masses of them are always admired. They are extra fine for pots, from their beautiful color, profusion and delightful fragrance, and they flower very early in the window. In the garden they are perfectly hardy and their lovely and delicious blossoms appear almost as soon as the Crocus. Plant a few at least. No garden complete without them.

Single—Very dainty blossoms of pure gold and such exquisite fragrance. Plant a good lot of them if possible. 3c. each; 5 for 10c.; 12 for 20c.

Double—Perfect little golden roses of the most exquisite beauty and fragrance. Nothing finer for bouquets. 5c. each; 3 for 12c.; 12 for 40c.

Giant Odorous—We think this one of the finest yellow-flowered bulbs on our list. Flowers twice the size of other Jonquils, but retaining the same beautiful color and handsome shape together with profusion of bloom. Its fragrance is lovely beyond description. This bulb is so eminently fine and so very cheap every garden should be supplied with it. The much prized Golden Sacred Lily is an improved variety of this exquisite Jonquil. 5c. each; 3 for 12c.; 12 for 40c.

1 each of the 3 sorts for 10c.

Snowdrops.

The earliest flower that blooms, and of such hardiness that it minds neither sleet nor snow. Exceedingly graceful and pretty, its nodding white flowers touched with green. Snowdrops bloom a few days before the Crocus and Siberian Scilla, but last until these are nearly gone. It is especially fine when planted in clumps and masses to contrast with the deeply blue masses of the Scilla. Much used also for lawns.

Elwesii, The Giant Snowdrop—As we now, March 20th, sit at our desk with a dainty little bunch of this Snowdrop before us, picked from a large bed of it on the lawn, we can fully realize what a gem it is. The grace and beauty of the large blossoms is enchanting, but what can we say of its fragrance, it is rich and so delicate, unlike any other flower, and really second to none. This fine new Snowdrop was introduced recently from the mountains of Smyrna. It is three times as large and fine as the common Snowdrop, and a great acquisition, either for the garden or for pots. For winter blooming it is just superb, its large, snowy flowers appearing in profusion, and showing great beauty and airy grace. We have secured several hundred thousand fine bulbs direct from Smyrna, and offer it extremely low. Price, 2 for 5c.; 12 for 20c.; 100 for 85c.

Double Giant—A double form of large flowering Snowdrop. Very beautiful. 4c. each; 3 for 10c.; 12 for 25c.

Snowflake.

The airily poised bells of the Snowflake are exceedingly graceful. The snowy bells are touched at each petal tip with freshest green, a contrast most beautiful. Can be grown in a cool window, in the border, or at the foot of the rockery. Grow about nine inches high. 5c. each; 3 for 10c.; 12 for 35c.

Iris.

A most desirable garden flower, and in many respects one of the most charming and satisfactory. These varieties are all perfectly hardy and fine for the garden. Hispanica and Persica are fine also for winter blooming.

Hispanica—Magnificent plants, both for pots and the garden. They bloom early and profusely, and are exceedingly showy. The colors are brilliant and cover a large range of different shades and combinations. Four or five bulbs planted in a 5-inch pot make a beautiful display for a long time in winter, and are absolutely sure to bloom well in any situation, treated like Hyacinths. In the open ground they are perfectly hardy, increase rapidly and make a magnificent display. It is really one of the most satisfactory of all Holland bulbs, and as they are very cheap we advise our customers to plant them largely, both for winter blooming and in the garden.

All Colors Mixed—2 for 5c.; 12 for 15c.; 100 for $1.00.
Pure White—Large and fine.
Pure Yellow—Rich deep golden.
Blue—A fine rich shade.
4c. each; the 3 for 10c. 25c. per dozen.

Anglica—Very fine, with large broad-petaled flowers and rich colors. Blooms a little later than Hispanica. All colors, mixed, 3c. each; 4 for 10c.; 12 for 25c.

Persica—Exquisite large blossoms of a greyish color beautifully marked with peacock spots. 5c. each; 3 for 10c.

Germanica—Finest named sorts, mixed. 8c. each; 12 for 75c.

Kæmpferi—See our Spring Catalogue, page 40, for complete list of grand Japanese named sorts. All colors, mixed, 10c. each; 80c. per dozen.

New Palestine Iris.

These four new Iris from the Holy Land are truly marvels of beauty and oddity. We have seen no Novelty in years which attracted more general admiration. While not perfectly hardy in the open ground in this latitude, unless protected, they are almost without rivals among winter-blooming bulbs for pot culture, and it is for this purpose we especially recommend them. They require no special care, and rival in beauty the choicest Orchids. Our bulbs come direct from Jaffa, and are very fine,

Atropurpurea (The Black Iris)—Very large and beautifully shaped flowers of a deep black color, silky texture and luster. One of the finest novelties in years, its rare and fine color making it particularly attractive.

Histrio—A lovely combination of colors. Deep sky-blue, with blotches and mottlings of white and yellow and tints of various shades. Perfectly exquisite flower and one possessing a perfume which for richness and peculiar delicacy is not excelled by any other flower.

Mariae—Same size and shape as Atropurpurea, but of a lovely lilac-pink color, with large patches of rich purple. A great beauty.

Sari Nazerenae—Perhaps the most beautiful Iris in the world. Delicate straw-colored ground, blotched with crimson, brown and black, and with thin blue veins. It is impossible to give any idea of its beauty by pen description.

PRICE—*Fine home grown Bulbs, 20c. each; the 3 for 50c.*

Crown Imperials.

This magnificent bulb of gigantic size breaks ground with the Crocus, and the strong flower-stems at once attract attention. They grow so rapidly that in a few days they stand three feet high, crowned with a tuft of elegant foliage and half a dozen large, bell-shaped, drooping flowers. These blossoms are as large and as beautiful as Lilies. A grand bulb for early blooming. Each.

Single Red—Large and early..... 20
Single Yellow—Clear and fine..... 20
Crown Upon Crown—A double crown of blossoms..... 25
Double Red—Rare and fine..... 60
Double Yellow—Rare and fine..... 60

Allium.

Neapolitanum—People like it because it is so sure to bloom and so daintily pretty. It is hardy out of doors, but indoors is one of the easiest of all bulbs to grow. Three or four can be placed in a 4-inch pot. The stems rise to a height of eighteen inches, bearing beautiful umbels of fine starry white flowers that remain perfect a month.

Hermetti—Like the above, but of a pinky-white color.

Moly—Bright golden yellow.

2 for 5c.; 12 for 15c.; 100 for $1.00. 3 each of the 3 sorts, 10c.

IMPROVED CYCLAMEN.

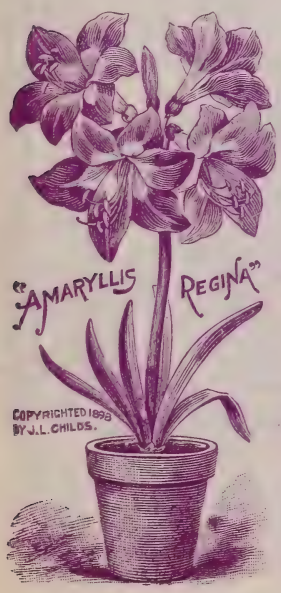
Improved Cyclamen.

Few pot plants are so desirable as Cyclamen, especially for winter blooming. Though they are universal favorites, they are not seen in general cultivation to the extent that they should be, considering their ease of culture, great beauty and long season of bloom. Bulbs commence blooming in the fall and continue in the greatest profusion till June, each flower keeping perfect a month before fading, and a good bulb will show at all times from 12 to 50 well developed blossoms. They are of the most delicately beautiful colors, ranging from dark red to white, delicate blush and pink shades prevailing. Often the flower will be spotted and marked, or in other ways showing two distinct colors.

Persicum—Extra fine strain, all colors mixed. 15c. each: 3 for 35c.

Giganteum—Grand large flowering form, mixed colors. This is the perfection of Cyclamen, the enormous blossoms of various delicate and brilliant colors are perfectly fascinating and last a month before fading. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

Large Rhodian—Imported from Smyrna. Bears large pearly white flowers early in winter. Foliage very handsome, being marbled and variegated with white and yellow. 10c. each; 3 for 25c.



Amaryllis Regina.

The queenly beauty of this superb Amaryllis has given it the name of Regina (Queen) Amaryllis or Queen Lily. That it is a fine winter bloomer also adds much to its merits. Bulbs large and strong, ready to commence growth as soon as potted, and will soon bloom. Flowers very large, beautiful wide-open or spreading shape. Color soft light scarlet with white center or throat. The charming color and beautiful shape of the flower makes this one of the choicest of the large and celebrated race of Amaryllis species. For winter blooming this is one of the real gems, ranking in beauty and value with Lilium Harrisi, Sacred Lily, or, in fact, any of the well-known favorites. 15c. each; 3 for 30c. 12 for $1.00.

Ixias and Sparaxis.

The Ixias produce their beautiful flowers in spikes, and are of the most dazzling and brilliant colors and sure to attract great attention. For pot culture in the house they give great satisfaction, being of easy culture and free bloomers. Half a dozen bulbs may be planted in a five-inch pot, and the display will be magnificent. For open-ground culture give them winter protection with leaves or straw.

Ixia, Crateroides—It produces its flowers very early in January or Febuary and a pot of them is a most beautiful sight. The spikes of bloom are compact and of the most vivid scarlet color. 5c. each; 3 for 10c.

Ixia, Mixed Sorts—Our mixed Ixias are particularly fine, and comprise more than sixty fine varieties of all colors, shades, markings and variegations. 2 for 5c.; 12 for 20c.

Sparaxis—The blossoms are very large and open flat, presenting some of the most curious and beautiful combinations of colors to be found. Their exceeding beauty at once captivates all beholders, and it is difficult to find a pot of flowers which will be more generally admired or bloom better than a pot of these fascinating Sparaxis. They require the same treatment as Ixias or Freesias, which is simply to plant several bulbs in a pot of good soil, set them away, and when growth commences bring them out and set in a sunny window. 2 for 5c.; 12 for 20c.

Grape Hyacinth.

One of the sweetest little flowers imaginable, and in masses very striking, making a wave of intensest blue that catches every eye. As hardy as an oak, and as it increases rapidly should be planted in quantities in every garden. Its spikes are just the size for button-hole bouquets, while its long stems enable it to be used to advantage in all bouquets or cut-flower work. If you want a "pot of blue," that will make your window a thing of beauty for a month in midwinter, plant half a dozen bulbs in a 5-inch pot, and treat as other Hyacinths, and you will have your desire. They never fail to bloom, each bulb sending up two flower-stalks that rise to a uniform height of eleven inches, each stalk being crowned with a two-inch spike of tiny white-capped bells of the purest, loveliest shade of deep sky-blue.

Sky Blue—The most fairy-like of spring flowers. 3 for 5c.; 12 for 15c.; 100 for $1.00.

Indigo Blue—Fine deep indigo tipped white. 3 for 5c.; 12 for 15c.; 100 for $1.00.

Snow White—Long spikes of milky-whiteness. Fine for contrast, and quite new. 3 for 5c.; 12 for 15c.; 100 for $1.00.

3 bulbs each of the 3 sorts for 10c.

Mixed Grape Hyacinths—All colors 15c. per dozen; $1.00 per 100.

Fritillaria Meleagris

The newer varieties of this charming bulbous plant produce flowers of great and peculiar beauty and they are really among the most desirable of all fall bulbs for any purpose. They are superb for flowering in pots during winter, and for early spring blooming in the garden. The large, curiously colored flowers always attract great attention. They are of various colors and shades, but all are regularly and distinctly checkered. 2 for 5c.; 20c. per dozen.

Triteleia Uniflora

This is the "Starflower," now becoming so popular for both winter and spring blooming. The flowers are white, tipped and faintly striped lilac-blue, and are remarkably sweet-scented. A fine window plant if several bulbs are planted to a pot, as they bloom steadily for two months, and need no fussing with to succeed. One of the most charming fairy-like white flowers for winter. Price, 2 for 5c.; 20c. per dozen.

Erythronium Hartwegii.

This new variety is the finest yet introduced and should be extensively planted for winter blooming as well as for the garden. Perfectly hardy. Flowers very large, light yellow borne on long, slender stems, each bulb sending up 5 or 6 blooms as shown in cut. Foliage as well as the blossoms is exceedingly handsome and several bulbs will make a most unique and graceful pot of bloom. Fine, large bulbs, 6c. each; 3 for 15c.; 12 for 50c.

Camassia Esculenta.

A beautiful bulbous plant with tall spikes of fine blue flowers in late spring. Several can be planted in a pot together for winter blooming, and will make a fine display. In the garden they increase rapidly and soon show great masses of their star-like flowers. Fine to cut for vases or large bouquets. A remarkably fine winter-bloomer, often called Celestial Lily. Try a good lot of them, both for pots and the garden. 3c. each; 4 for 10c.; 12 for 25c.

Scilla Siberica.

Hardy and fine. Blooms at the very edge of winter, and laughs at storms and sleets. Beautiful spikes of deepest blue flowers, freely produced and for a long time. Everyone who possesses a foot of ground ought to grow this. It should always be planted in groups, either in house or open ground. Nothing finer for pots. 2 for 5c.; 15c. per doz.; $1 per 100.

Calochortus.

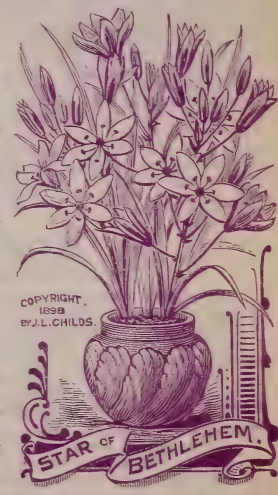
The flowers are very large, borne on long stems and are of the most charming butterfly colors, white, yellow, buff crimson, purple, spotted and shaded in a charming manner. For winter bloom they require only to be potted (4 or 5 in a five-inch pot,) and treated like Hyacinth or Crocus. When in bloom they will be a marvel of beauty and last a long time,

Splendid Mixed—All colors large and small. 2 for 5c.; 12 for 25c.

Gladiolus Colvilli,

"THE BRIDE."

A lovely pure white species of slender growth and blooms very early, often the latter part of May when left in the ground all winter. A splendid winter bloomer in pots, and is becoming very popular as a winter blooming bulb. Its ease of culture, beautiful shape, snow-white color and early blooming qualities make it very valuable and particularly adapted to winter flowering. 5c. each; 3 for 10c.; 12 for 25c.



Star of Bethlehem.

A superb bulb for winter blooming in pots, or for the garden. Perfectly hardy, and blooms early in spring. Flowers star-shaped, pure white, and borne in clusters. For pots it blooms a long time in midwinter and is very attractive. Try it by all means, both for garden and for pots; it will be sure to please you greatly. 2 for 5c.; 12 for 20c.

Ornithogalum Arabicum.

It is a native of Arabia. Bulb large and solid, closely resembling that of Hyacinth, and requiring exactly the same culture; leaves long and narrow, flower spikes 18 to 24 inches high, strong and graceful, bearing an immense cluster of large, pearly-white flowers, having a jet-black center. The illustration gives a good idea of its great beauty. The individual flowers keep perfect many weeks before fading, so that for more than a month this grand spike of bloom is in full glory. Its durability is almost without equal among flowers. Add to this its delicate aromatic fragrance and we have a winter bloomer which all must admit stands without a rival. Its culture is the easiest as it will grow in any position in any window. A bulb can be planted in a four inch pot, or several in a larger pot or box. Extra large bulbs, 10c. each; 3 for 25c.

Brodiæas.

(*See Colored Sketch on Cover.*)

An entirely new class of bulbs, particularly adapted for winter blooming. The flowers are of various forms, colors and sizes, all exceedingly interesting and beautiful, and of the easiest culture. In the open ground they are hardy with slight protection, but their greatest value is for winter blooming in pots. They are so little known or cultivated that they are exceedingly interesting as pot plants. Their flowers are odd and beautiful and produced freely.

Volubilis—(TWINING HYACINTH.) Flowers borne on long stems which twine and twist around anything within reach. Blossoms in large compact clusters of a pinkish red color and very handsome. 10c. each; 3 for 25c.

Coccinea or Floral Fire Cracker—This is a flower of striking beauty, and one that catches every eye. Its blooms are borne in clusters, at the end of long, slender stems, and droop like a fuchsia. They are two or three inches in length, of a deep bright crimson-scarlet color, tipped with green and white. In this lovely flower our friends will find a most beautiful and novel thing. 6c. each; 3 for 15c.

Mixed Sorts—Fine mixed Brodiæas of all sorts and colors. 20c. per dozen; $1.25 per 100.

Lily of the Valley.

We offer strong imported pips that have been grown especially for winter blooming. Plant half a dozen in a four inch pot, keep rather cool until well started, then bring to the light and warmth, and keep freely supplied with water. You will be surprised at the rapidity of growth and the size of their lovely fragrant bells. 6 for 25c.; 12 for 40c.

BLACK CALLA.

Callas.

(*See Colored Sketches on Cover.*)

Several important new Callas are here offered. Childs' Dwarf Everblooming is a perfect wonder and everybody should have it.

Little Gem—All that need be said about this sterling novelty is that it is a perfect miniature Calla, growing 8 or 12 inches high and producing perpetually very large snow-white blossoms. It begins to bloom when only a few inches high in a three or four inch pot, and a well-established plant in a large pot is never without flowers, summer or winter, and sometimes shows a dozen at once. The greatest plant novelty of late years and yet the sensation of the day. 15c. each; 3 for 30c.

Childs' Dwarf Everblooming—It is our good fortune to have come into possession of this most valuable of all Callas. The following facts will convince anyone of its great superiority over the old sort. It is of a dwarf habit and does not grow tall and scraggly like the old variety, but is strong and compact with a great abundance of lustrous dark green foliage. It is a true everbloomer, its flowers appearing in great abundance both summer and winter when grown in pots, or it will bloom profusely all summer long in open ground and being potted in September will continue blooming without intermission all winter. The same plant will grow and bloom for years without once ceasing, and the quantity of bloom which a good plant will produce is astonishing. It is estimated that six plants of the old sort will not produce so many flowers in the course of a year as will one plant of this new dwarf variety. A large plant is hardly ever without one or more flowers, and its dwarf, compact habit makes it a much more desirable pot plant than the old variety. Its flowers are of large size and snowy white in color. All in all it is one of the most desirable plants we ever offered. Strong plants for blooming at once, 25c. each; 3 for 50c.

Black Calla—Strictly a winter bloomer and will bloom no other time. Its flowers are enormous, fully a foot in length; color, clear coal-black, so intense that it really shows a brilliancy, and as may well be imagined, it is a flower of most striking oddity and beauty. A person who possesses a bulb of this Calla has, indeed, a treasure which will be the envy of the entire neighborhood. The bulbs are large, and should be potted in the fall, and when growth commences set in a window. After blooming, the foliage will die down, and the bulb should be kept dry for planting again in the fall. In addition to its great beauty and oddity, it has a fine fruity fragrance. It is a native of the Holy Land. Bulbs of mammoth size, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

Giant California Callas—Large flowering Callas, which come from California, are now extensively grown and very popular. The bulbs are of a large size, start quickly and are soon in bloom. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

One each of these Four Grand Callas for only 65c

Seed for Winter Blooming.

We have made extensive experiments with all quick growing annuals, and to our surprise and delight find that some of them make the most beautiful pots of winter flowers that it is possible to have. Of the following kinds seed can be sown in pots of good soil at any time from November 1st to January 1st. They will germinate quickly, grow rapidly and be in bloom in a surprisingly short time, and the pleasure which they will afford it is impossible to anticipate. It is not possible to find any winter flower which will in true beauty and loveliness surpass some of these

Alyssum, Little Gem—An improved variety; much larger flowers of a pure white, and if possible more floriferous than the old Sweet. Plant is also more robust and spreading, a single plant forming a thick mat of flowers and foliage 12 to 15 inches across. Per pkt., 10c.

Cherianthus, Fairy Queen—Flowers are borne in spikes and are very gay and pretty, being of bright crimson and lilac colors. Per pkt., 5c.

Diamond Flower—It is one of the loveliest little annuals known, rarely growing over two inches in height, and forms a tuft of beautiful foliage which is completely smothered in a profusion of white and violet blossoms glistening like diamonds. It will be in bloom within a month from the time of sowing the seed at any time of year. For pot culture in winter it is just superb. Sprinkle a few seeds in a small pot or saucer, or in pots where other plants are growing, and within a month you will have a most charming mat of foliage and flowers—covering the surface of the soil like moss. Per pkt., 10c.

Lobelia Goldeise—A compact, low-growing variety, the foliage of which is golden yellow and is most charmingly set off by hundreds of blossoms of the brightest, deepest blue, with a pure white eye. Per pkt., 10c.

Marigold, Legion of Honor—A dwarf gem, and one of the prettiest pot plants, blooming in a month after the seed starts. Attracts great attention. Per pkt., 5c.

Morning Glories—For winter blooming—Seed sown at any time during the winter will commence blooming in about thirty days and when the plants are only three to four inches high, and continue for months. The flowers *remain open all day*, from morning until night, making as pretty a pot of flowers as you can imagine. The cut represents a pot of them forty days from the time of sowing the seed. They are in no respect hard to grow, and will succeed in any window. Per pkt., 10c.

Nicotiana Decurrens—Its long, tubular, star-pointed flowers are pure white, exceedingly fragrant and very profusely borne. It is one of the few plants that will flower well without a single ray of direct sunshine, and, for shaded north windows, is invaluable. Per pkt., 10c.

Nasturtium, Empress of India—This is most desirable on account of its beautiful dark-colored foliage and great profusion of large, bright red blossoms. Per pkt., 5c.

Rhodanthe—For charming grace and beauty few flowers can surpass this. It blooms in about forty days from the time of sowing the seed, and as the flowers are everlasting they never fade. Per pkt., 5c.

Schizanthus, Mixed Colors—No flower in our conservatories last winter attracted as much attention as did a few pots of this superb annual. Plants grow freely and flowers appear in large drooping racemes, and resemble some species of Orchid. Per pkt., 10c.

Shoo-Fly Plant—It is claimed that flies will not stay in a room where it is growing if they can conveniently escape, though what there is about it that repulses them is not clear, as the plant or flower has no odor. Aside from this most remarkable quality it is a most beautiful flowering plant, and blooms in a very short time, (60 days,) from seed. It is particularly valuable as a winter bloomer, the blossoms being large, cup-shaped, and of a lovely light blue color with a white center. Per pkt., 10c.

Verbesena, Occidentalis—Blossoms very large, richest golden yellow in color, closely resembling a Cosmos, and borne on long, graceful stems. Per pkt., 5c.

One pkt. each of the 12 sorts for only 75c.

TWO GRAND LILIES.

LILIUM HARRISI aud CANDIDUM are the two best of all Lilies for winter blooming in pots and certainly among the most important of all flowers for winter decoration. Recognizing their great importance, we have for several years made special efforts to secure from our growers in Bermuda and France, extra strong bulbs of enormous size especially for pot culture, such as will produce an astonishing amount of extra large and fine blooms. In this we have been very successful, and our **extra strong bulbs** of these two lovely Lilies have become famous for the number and beauty of the blossoms they produce. Our stock is this season finer than ever before, and we offer these special select bulbs with the assurance that they will prove more than satisfactory.

Harrisi, or the Bermuda Easter Lily—Large, pure white, trumpet-shaped flowers, of great beauty and fragrance; as a winter-bloomer nothing can surpass it. Plant in six to eight inch pots of good soil and treat like other winter blooming bulbs. It is impossible to describe the charming beauty of this Lily as a pot plant. Extra strong bulbs of enormous size. 40c. each; 3 for $1.00; 12 for $3.50. Ordinary sized bulbs, 15c. each; 3 for 35c.; 12 for $1.25.

Candidum—This lovely Lily produces from six to thirty lovely waxy-white blossoms, which have the most delicious fragrance of all Lilies. It is one of the most charming winter flowers and sure to bloom freely. Treat same as L. Harrisi. Extra strong bulbs of enormous size, 25c. each; 3 for 60c.; 12 for $2.25. Ordinary sized bulbs, 10c. each; 3 for 25c.; 12 for 80c.

SPECIAL OFFER—*For 50c. we will send one large bulb of each of these two Grand Lilies; 3 of each for $1.25. Of ordinary size, one of each for 20c.; 3 of each for 50c.*

Fine Lilies.

The brush cannot paint, or the pen portray the exquisite purity and delicacy, yet magnificent grandeur of the stately Lily. It is the plus ultra of floral beauty, and we urge our friends to each year add a few Lilies to their collection. No other flower will so adorn our homes when in bloom, and they constantly improve after planting. We feel sure if our readers could see a good collection of from 20 to 40 different sorts in bloom they would never rest until they had a goodly number of their own. As a rule, Lilies are of the easiest cultivation especially the following, which have been carefully selected as the hardiest, handsomest and best. We grow at Floral Park about five acres of Lilies and the bulbs we offer are large, healthy, vigorous and cheap.

Auratum—(THE GOLDEN BANDED LILY OF JAPAN.) We can say that this is the grandest of all Lilies, and certainly the most popular. No garden is complete without several of it. 15c. each· 3 for 40c.

Batemanniæ—Pure apricot color without spots. A much prized Japanese variety. It is a near relative to the rare and beautiful Leichtlini. 20c. each; 3 for 60c.

Excelsum—This remarkable Lily attains the wonderful height of 5 to 6 feet It produces from 8 to 12 nodding rich apricot-hued blooms; has a delightful perfume, and its stately form makes it attract attention wherever grown. You will be delighted with it. 50c. each.

Elegans Bicolor—Truly magnificent, being Tulip-shaped, and bloom in June. The blossoms are large and of exceeding bright and striking colors; robust, hardy and free bloomers. Exceedingly showy, being of a brilliant red color, flamed with yellow, very large and perfect. 10c. each; 3 for 20c.

Longiflorum—White, trumpet formed, very fragrant. A lovely Lily, being almost exactly like the Bermuda Easter Lily, but blooming a little later, and hardy in the open ground, therefore a grand variety for garden culture. 10c. each; 3 for 20c.

Longiflorum Variegatum—The leaves of this variety are most beautiful variegated white and green, making a plant of great beauty. 50c. each.

Speciosum Rubrum—Large wide flowers, recurving more or less at the tips. Among the showiest of all Lilies and perhaps the most robust and the most radiant. Lovely rose and white, spottd crimson.15c. each; 3 for 30c.

Speciosum Melpomene—Words cannot describe the beauty of this variety. Frosted white, spotted, clouded and bearded with pinkish crimson. Petals deeply recurved and widely bordered. Exceedingly fine. 25c. each;3 for 60c.

Speciosum Praecox—Large, perfect and beautiful. Frosted white, with a tinge of blush. The plush-like fringe in each petal adds to its beauty. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

Speciosum Monstrosum Album—A variety of the above with broad, flat stems and immense heads of flowers often fifty flowers in a cluster. 15c. each; 3 for 30c.

Speciosum Opal—We had thought that no Speciosum could exceed Melpomene, but this new Lily is even larger grander, and if possible, more richly colored. Like the opal, for which it is named, the eye drinks in its lovely tints with delight. To say that it is frosted, glistening white, delicately clouded and suffused with rosy blush and spotted with rosy scarlet, is to convey but a slight idea of its perfect loveliness. 60c. each.

Tenuifolium (THE CORAL LILY OF SIBERIA.)—A little beauty. The brightest of all Lilies. Grows 20 inches high with finely cut foliage, slender stems and beautiful shaped flowers of a shining coral red. One ought to grow them by the dozen, they are so fine for cutting, and make such grand clumps for the lawn. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

Tigrinum, fl. pl. (Double Tiger Lily.)—Stately habit, growing from 4 to 6 feet high; foliage is dark green and very long, bearing an immense number of double, bright orange-red flowers spotted with black. 10c. each; 3 for 20c.

Umbellatum—One of the very best, with large perfect flowers, robust and produce an enormous head of bloom. Colors range from black-red through all the shades of crimson, rose, yellow, buff, apricot, spotted, variegated, etc. 25 finest sorts, mixed. 15c. each; 3 for 30c.

Wallacei—This Lily is very floriferous, each bulb throwing up from 4 to 6 flower stems, each one of which is crowned with 3 to 10 beautiful upright blossoms of a delicate bright apricot color. 5c. each; 6 for 25c.

One each of the 15 sorts for only $2.50.

Beautiful * Winter-Blooming * Plants.

We offer on this and the three following pages a few plants which are particularly adapted to winter Blooming. We have a good stock of fine, well-grown plants all of which have been carefully grown for Winter use. Do not omit to try a few of them, especially the Otaheite Orange, Swainsonia, Roses, Begonia, etc.

New Abutilons.

These are of the beautiful Infanta Eulalia type introduced by us a few years ago. Unlike the ordinary Abutilons of scraggy growth, they are very compact and short jointed, making a neat pot plant. The flowers are the most beautiful we have seen among Abutilons, being very large yet short and beautifully cupped, and of the most lovely colors. They produce flowers by the score both summer and winter. It is safe to say that these varieties will produce five times as many flowers as any other Abutilon.

Infanta Eulalia—This is perfection itself. Plants dwarf and short jointed, producing exquisite large cupped blossoms by the score from the time the plant is four inches high. Blooms all the time, summer and winter. Color a most beautiful soft satin-pink. No finer pot plant for windows than this.

Wm. McKinley—Like the above except in color, which is a beautiful clear lemon yellow of exquisite loveliness.

Price, 20c. each; the 2 for 30c.

Begonia, Vernon.

No other kinds of flowering Begonias can begin to compare with the varieties of B. Vernon for beauty and constant bloom. They are so much superior to others that we have concluded to offer none but these. Plants flower perpetually all the year round, the plant being completely covered with bloom at all times, especially during winter.

Crimson—Produce a profusion of dark crimson flowers. Many of our customers regard this as the very finest pot plant for perpetual blooming in existence. It is certainly a plant which must be in every collection.

White—Splendid large blossoms, pure white.

Pink—Lovely blush and pink shades. In other respects exactly like the above, and a plant of perpetual beauty.

Yellow Leaved—This new variety of Begonia Vernon has pure white blossoms slightly shaded or bordered with exquisite silky pink, while the foliage is of a charming yellowish color. The flowers are borne perpetually both winter and summer, and the exquisite beauty added to the superb color of the leaves makes a plant exceptionally odd and striking.

Price, 15c. each; the four sorts for 50c.

Seed of Begonia Vernon, all sorts mixed, 10c. per packet. Plants from seed bloom in three months.

Bridal Rose—*(Rubus Floribunda.)*

A remarkable plant with leaves resembling a blackberry in shape; its flowers are produced during winter, and are as double as a Pæony and almost as large. Color, pure white, and when a plant one or two feet high shows a score or more of these enormous flowers, which they often do, the sight is most novel and attractive. New and little known. Will create a sensation anywhere. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

Otaheite Orange.

MOST UNIQUE POT PLANT IN CULTIVATION.

An extra fine pot plant with glossy green leaves, the true fragrant orange blossoms and abundant little bright oranges that will hang on the little bush like balls of gold for six months after they are ripe. They will bloom and fruit in a two-inch pot, and we have seen a plant in a common window, that was but 15 inches high and had 23 oranges on it. When good sunlight they are never out of fruit from one year's end to another, and at least two-thirds of the time are in flower also. The fruit is very sweet and handsome. Could we have but one plant in our window it would be an Otaheite Orange. In beauty, grace and fragrance there is nothing like its delicate leafy sprays of blooms, so indescribably exquisite, dainty, lovely, and adorable. Fine plants for blooming and fruiting at once. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

5 Winter Blooming Plants for only 50c.

To induce many of our customers to try a few choice new plants for winter blooming we offer the following collection of 5 splendid sorts for only 50c.; three collections for $1.30.

1 Calla, Little Gem.
1 Otaheite Orange.
1 Rose, Champion of the World.
1 Begonia, Vernon.
1 Giant White Scented Snapdragon.

Splendid Winter Blooming Roses.

(EXTRA FINE AND STRONG PLANTS.)

The following are probably the three finest and surest winter-blooming Roses.

Champion of the World—The Rose for everybody, and the best and freest bloomer for winter. It commences to bloom as soon as potted from the propagating bench, and continues in the greatest profusion all the time, both SUMMER and WINTER. One plant of it will produce more flowers during the year than ten plants of any Tea Rose. It is always in full bloom. It is the most healthy and vigorous Rose in cultivation, for its handsome rank foliage has never been known to mildew under any conditions. It has the most delicious and powerful rose fragrance, which is maintained during the whole year. Its perfume in December is as rich, delicate and sweet as it is in June. Its blossoms are perfectly double to the center, and of the most perfect shape, both in bud and blossoms, while its color is a degree of loveliness which few roses can equal, being a rich, deep, rosy pink, darker and richer than Hermosa, and a shade the delicate richness of which is seldom seen. Its size is very large for an everbloomer, often as large and fine as La France, or the best hybrid perpetuals. Strong, well-rooted plants for winter-blooming.

Childs' Jewel—Produces flowers which range in color from dark orange-yellow to crimson, variegated, blotched, mottled etc. A plant in bloom shows no two flowers alike. Some will be dark yellow; others, buff, saffron, light and dark crimson, pink, blush, apricot, etc.; while others will be variegated in a most beautiful manner.

Climbing Meteor—Buds exquisite; flowers large, beautifully shaped and of that rich, dark, velvety crimson color seen only in the Jacqueminot. For winter blooming it is just the Rose to train upon a conservatory or bay window, where its exquisite blossoms will show to wonderful advantage.

PRICE—*Strong Plants, 20c. each; the 3 for 50c.*

Chrysanthemum, Storm Petrel.

This is a hardy perennial, with finely cut fern-like foliage, and dwarf trailing growth. It blooms at all times of the year if kept in pots, and out of doors, until after hard frosts have killed almost everything else. It is a very profuse bloomer, and the pretty, rosette-like flowers are of pure white, very large and double. Fine for winter. Our plants are strong and will soon be in bloom. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

Swainsonia, or Swanflower.

A new plant for winter blooming which surpasses any novelty that has been brought out in many years. In fact, it will be hard to name a plant now in cultivation which can equal it in beauty and general good qualities. It has a most beautiful fern-like foliage and blooms perpetually every day in the year, its blossoms being the shape and nearly the size of Sweet Peas, and borne in great clusters of twenty to forty. These clusters appear at the axils of the leaves, and a single branch shows many clusters of bloom at all times The plant is a free and rapid grower, beginning to bloom in three or four weeks from cuttings, and continuing for years. It is easier to grow and manage than a Geranium, thriving in any soil and in any window, and is a superb bedding plant for the garden in summer. We believe there is no plant so easy to grow, or one that thrives and blooms under all conditions as does this charming Swanflower.

Pure White—Large, milky white; exquisite.
Deep Red—Fine dark red, with large white blotches.

Price, 25c. each; the two for 40c.

Genista, Shower of Gold.

As a plant for late winter and early spring blooming, (especially for Easter), it is almost without an equal. Flowers golden yellow, very fragrant, and borne in large drooping racemes, and in such quantity as to almost hide leaf and branch—most truly a "Shower of Gold." It is one of the easiest plants to grow we ever saw and is absolutely sure to bloom profusely in any window. As a plant for rare beauty, delightful fragrance, and ease of culture it has no superior, and should adorn every home. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

Pleroma Splendens.

At present this is a rare flower. Not only is it a free grower and bloomer the year round, but it is another addition to the very small list of purple-blue flowers, always an uncommon color, but a striking one, and one that imparts a look of richness to a general collection. Flowers very large—three inches across,—opening flat, the velvety petals showing to great advantage, and reminding one of the regal beauty of Clematis Jackmani. Plants commence to bloom when only a few inches high, and continue all the time. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

Dwarf Winter-Blooming Canna, Star '91.

A very Dwarf Canna which will show bloom every day in the year, its flowers being borne in great compact panicles, often as large as a man's hat, and of the most intense fire scarlet color rayed and bordered with pure gold, is a novelty of an entirely new departure—a new garden flower and a perpetual blooming pot plant of unsurpassed grandeur.

As a pot plant for blooming, both summer and winter this Canna is a novelty of immense importance. It has already become recognized as the most valuable and important flowering plant among those who know it. It is utterly impossible to have a plant which is more easily grown or more effective in bloom. The enormous panicles of flowers which are borne continually even on plants only a foot or two in height and in small pots is indeed marvelous, and the intense color of the blossoms makes such plants objects of the most effective beauty. We honestly believe it to be the finest of all winter-blooming plants, and as a garden flower nothing can surpass it. Fine plants for immediate blooming. 25c. each; 3 for 60c.

SANSEVERIA.

Grevillea Robusta.

A splendid decorative plant, much quicker growing than a Palm, and very effective with its long, drooping, silky foliage, deeply cut like a large growing Fern or a pinnate leaved Palm. No window complete without it. It is very easy to manage, and can be easily grown from seed if desired. Fine plants, 20c.; 3 for 50c.

Filifera Palm.

One of the best window Palms, needing no petting to succeed. Stands dust and dry air, and lack of sunshine, and is very ornamental with its elegant fan-shaped leaves of a rich, dark, leathery green. Picturesquely fringed with long threadlike filaments along the segments of the leaves. The plant is a compact grower well adapted to pot culture, succeeding in any situation and with any treatment that will keep a Geranium alive. It will make a grand ornament during winter, and in summer it can adorn a veranda, or be placed about the garden or yard, or used for a center in a vase, basket or flower bed—always ornamental anywhere. Strong plants, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; 7 for $1.00.

Parrot's Feather.

This consists of long trailing stems completely clothed with whorls of the most exquisite foliage which is finely cut. If planted in a water-tight hanging basket so the soil can be kept very wet, or water standing on the surface, it will trail down over the side in a most charming manner. In a tank or lake it prefers shallow water and will run about over the surface in a charming manner. 15c. each.; 3 for 30c.

Sword Fern.

A magnificent plant for window decoration, and particularly well adapted to house culture, being robust, hardy and free growing. Its beautiful green fronds often grow 4 to 5 feet in length and produce a charming effect. A splendid decorative plant. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

Sanseveria Zealanica.

Singularly beautiful as well as easily grown. Erect, rigid, sword-like leaves; in some old specimens reaching a length of from four to six feet. The leaves are thick and fleshy, a dark green color, with clouded bars of white. In May and June it sends up long plumy flower spikes, which in their soft, feathery whiteness, remind one of an Agave's flower. The splendid outlines of the plant together with its distinctive marbling make it a superb plant for jardinieres, centers of vases, etc., 20c. each.

Nepeta Glechoma.

This new Nepeta is hardy, fragrant and pretty, its small round leaves finely marked with white. Very fine for hanging basket, standing any abuse and looking cheerful under it. One of the prettiest things in the world with which to carpet graves, as it roots wherever it touches the ground and forms an impenetrable net-work of vines through which weeds and grasses cannot creep. It will grow in any kind of soil, in sun or shade, hot or cold location, and is ever a mass of green and white refreshing to the eye. Unsurpassed for vases, hanging pots or baskets. 15c. each; 3 for 30c.

SPECIAL OFFER—*For only 75c. we will send one each of these 6 fine foliage plants.*

Choicest Hardy Perennial Plants.

For a complete list of Hardy Perennials we refer to our Spring Catalogue, pages 119, 120 and 121. Copy sent on application.

Anemone, Whirlwind—A variety of the beautiful old A. Japonica, but with large, semi-double blossoms of a snow-white color. It possesses a beauty and airy grace which is seen in but few flowers, and its great profusion of bloom at the end of summer and during fall, when pure white flowers are scarce, makes it very valuable—in fact one of the finest novelties of the year. We regret we are unable to give it more space, as all should possess it.

Achillea Grandiflora—A most useful and beautiful hardy perennial plant which furnishes a profusion of the choicest double, white flowers all summer. It commences to bloom by the first of July and is a perfect mass of bloom until frost as many as 5,000 flowers having been counted upon the plant at one time. Flowers pure white, perfectly double, and are productive in large sprays, and are unsurpassed for all sorts of cut-flower work, bouquets, etc. It is perfectly hardy anywhere, and so vigorous that it will take care of itself among weeds. For cemetery planting there is nothing finer, for it is sure to live, thrive and bloom profusely year after year.

Calliopsis Lanceolata—Each plant is a sheet of golden yellow blossoms borne high above the foliage on long wiry stems. This is the true Lanceolata, a far inferior variety sometimes being sold for it.

Candytuft, Hardy—A plant of exquisite beauty, being of low, compact, spreading growth, and producing its profusion of bloom in May or June when pure white flowers are particularly scarce. Its profusion of bloom is so great that a bed of it looks at a little distance like a mass of fleecy snow just fallen. Few hardy plants will give as much real satisfaction as will this beautiful gem. Lifted late in the fall it will bloom well in the house during winter. Perfectly hardy and foliage ever green.

Day Lily, Large Blue—Lovely blue flowers on tall spikes.

Variegated Leaved—Leaves as handsome as a flower. A rosette-cluster of almost white leaves, lightly striped with green and yellow. Flowers pretty pale lilac-blue on tall spikes. Fine also for pots. Altogether this is one of the very finest (certainly one of the most attractive and ornamental) of all hardy plants.

Hemerocallis, Lemon Lily—The clear yellow lily-like flowers are borne, on long, stiff stalks, making them superior flowers for large vases or for pulpit bouquets.

Lychnis Viscaris—One of the best herbaceous perennials with tall spikes of handsome crimson flowers, very double and profuse. It is doubly useful because it comes so early in the season while flowers are yet scarce.

Mosquito Catcher Plant—This pretty plant, Vincetoxicum, comes from Japan. It grows one to two feet high and all summer, bearing a profusion of pretty, white, star-like blossoms that secrete a viscid fluid that attracts mosquitoes and sometimes other insects as well. Alas for the poor mosquito! No struggling on his part can ever free him after he has once dipped his beak in the forbidden sweets, though he may tug and plunge and buzz for a day or two after. A single spray of bloom will capture a dozen mosquitoes.

Pink, Her Majesty—A compact and healthy grower with beautiful and distinct foliage. Flowers a lovely clear white in color, very double, and produced on long, stiff stems, exhaling an exquisite clove-scented fragrance; rivaling the finest Carnation in size and substance.

Pink, Anne Boleyn—Like the above, but a rich pink, with darker center; a most charming combination of color.

Phlox Subulata—One of the finest of low, turfy-growing plants, fine for carpeting under trees, around rock work, edging beds, etc. Early in spring is very showy with its cloud of bright pink blossoms. We do not understand why this is not more widely grown, for it is perfectly hardy, and once planted will take care of itself.

Perennial Phloxes—Nine finest perpetual blooming sorts of largest size and brightest colors.

Platycodon Grandiflora—A lovely free blooming plant.

Rudbeckia, Golden Glow—Grandest of all new hardy Perennials. See colored plate in Spring Catalogue.

Spirea Filipendula—Grows two feet high, with large feathery plumes of the most charming white blossoms.

Spirea Elegans—Pure white, in large compact spirals.

Spirea Ulmaria—Fine foliage and elegant flowers.

Yucca Filamentosa—The stately clumps of stiff, bayonet-like leaves, bristling out from the center in every direction, are extremely ornamental. Flower stalks are thrown up as high as a man's head, and bear at their summit immense compound panicles of creamy bell-shaped flowers, each floret two inches across.

PRICE of above Fine Plants, 15c. each; 5 for 50c.; or more at 10c. each.

Hardy Ornamental Shrubs.

For complete list of our finest Shrubs see pages 22 to 26 of our Spring Catalogue, a copy of which will be mailed on application.

Althea—A fine tall growing shrub, that once planted is good for a lifetime. Blooms when but a slip of a plant, but eventually reaches the size of a small tree. Always a symmetrical, upright grower, well clothed with a dark green foliage, and bears every year, without fail, a profusion of large, showy, double flowers. They bloom from midsummer until frost, at a time when few other shrubs are in bloom.

Berberis Thunbergi—Flowers followed by bright red berries, which remain on the bushes all winter and are exceedingly ornamental.

Calycanthus Florida—The "Sweet Sbrub" so long a favorite in gardens. The purplish flowers have an exquisite pineapple fragrance of which one never tires and a spray of which will perfume a whole room. Can not be omitted from any lawn or garden.

Callicorpa Purpurea—A lovely shrub, loaded all winter with clusters of pretty blue berries, and therefore very ornamental, and makes a fine contrast with the red berries of the Berberis.

Deutzia Crenata, fl. pl.—Four feet high. In June is covered with double white blossoms, like tiny roses, in lovely panicles; exceedingly pretty.

Deutzia Rosea, fl. pl.—Exactly like above, but of a lovely rose color. Very fine.

Deutzia Gracilis—Grows only two feet high, but is weighted to the ground with its load of white Lily-of-the-Valley-like blossoms. Fine for forcing in winter.

Exochordia—A new Japanese shrub of great beauty. Blooms early in spring and is a complete mass of snowy white bloom.

Forsythia—(Golden Bell.) Lovely old shrub which blooms exceedingly early.

Hydrangea Paniculata—Generally considered the most valuable and ornamental shrub in existence. Bushy and robust, every branch tipped in midsummer with an immense close panicle of flat, snow-white flowers of gigantic size. The trusses of bloom are ten to twelve inches long and nearly as thick through, and last for two or three months, turning pinkish towards the last. No other shrub makes such a show on the lawn or is so universally admired. Grand for cemetery use, and always blooms finely the first summer.

Hydrangea Impreterice Eugenia—A fine hardy sort, producing great flat cymes of sky-blue, among which are scattered great star-shaped white or pink blooms. Exceedingly showy and a rival to the famous Paniculata.

Sweet Pea Shrub—The shrub of shrubs for bouquet makers. When it is in bloom it is really but a big bouquet itself so full is it of dainty sprays of large, lovely rose-pink blooms to which the graceful pinnate foliage is an admirable background. Very hardy and robust, and commences to bloom when but a foot high. Its glorious flowers are borne in clusters and are the size and shape of the most lovely Sweet Peas, but its color is more beautiful.

Spirea, Bumalda—So dwarf and compact it can be grown where large shrubs would be out of place. A cloud of lovely rose-pink flowers for months. Very fine.

Spirea, Fortunei Rosea—A medium-sized shrub and a great bloomer. Panicles of delicate pink flowers of wonderful beauty.

Spirea, Fortunei Alba—Like the above, but pure white.

Spirea, Van Houtti—In early spring a weeping fountain of bloom, that cannot be counted for numbers. Solid wreaths of snow-white flowers. Two and three feet long. Grand beyond expression.

Spirea, Thunbergi—A lovely shrub, with pretty, dense, fern-like leaves that in autumn take on the most glowing high colors. The bush is a sheet of white blossoms in early spring, and grows to a good size.

Spirea, Aurea—A grand shrub to group with the Purple-leaved Berberry. Leaves larger than other Spireas; tri-lobed, and shading from a light golden green to a rich orange-yellow; flowers white. Truly superb.

Syringa, Mock Orange—This much resembles the orange in bloom, but the flowers are large and more deeply fragrant. When in bloom their delicious orange odor is wafted by the breeze a long way.

Tamarix—A curious shrub, unlike any other. Slender growth, covered with peculiar, fine, feathery foliage. In spring it is a mass of spray-like blossoms of a clear pink.

Weigelia—We have seen canes of this three and four feet long one solid wreath of flowers from tip to end, and fifty more such canes could have been cut from the bush.

PRICE of above Fine Shrubs, 15c. each; 5 for 50c.; or more at 10c. each.

CHOICE AND RARE FRUITS.

For complete list of our New and Rare Fruits see our last Spring Catalogue, where 16 pages and three Colored Plates are devoted to them. If you have not this Catalogue, it will be sent free on application.

The San Jose Scale. This Most Destructive of all Fruit Tree Pests Does Not Exist in Our Nurseries.

READ THE FOLLOWING CERTIFICATE:

New York Agricultural Experiment Station, October 5th, 1895.

I hereby certify that I have inspected the Nursery Stock of John Lewis Childs on two separate occasions, and have been unable to find any trace of the "San Jose" or Pernicious Scale on his Stock.

F. A. SIRRINE.

As the San Jose Scale has been extensively distributed from some Nurseries, we take this occasion to inform our customers that our Stock is, and always has been, clear of it.

JOHN LEWIS CHILDS.

Choice Strawberries.

Shuckless—It is not often that we have a more important novelty to introduce than this. It is a thorough departure from the general run of Strawberries, differing from all others in one most important respect, and in this point lies its great value, and we are sure our readers will appreciate it when we say that in picking the fruit the berry parts from the calyx something like the Raspberry, thus avoiding the irksome task of hulling them before they can be placed upon the table. The hull remains upon the stems. This one point should, and we believe will make this the most popular berry for home gardens that has yet been introduced. Aside from this advantage, the berry is of large size, beautiful color, of rich, sweet flavor and a hardy, robust grower, producing one of the largest crops of all berries. 50c. per doz.; $2.00 per 100; $15 per 1,000.

Meeks Early—This is a most important new berry, inasmuch as it is the EARLIEST and BEST of all early varieties. It is a good week ahead of any other in ripening, and it is also of large size, fine quality and very productive. No other early variety can compare with it, and it must find its way to every collection. 50c. per dozen; $2.00 per 100; $15 per 1,000.

Mineola—For a general all-around Strawberry, we believe this to be the finest variety in cultivation. It originated on Long Island and has been cultivated here for ten or a dozen years by a few growers, and was first introduced into general cultivation by us last year. The fruit is of very large size and exceedingly sweet and luscious in quality, in this respect surpassing any other variety. It is a most vigorous, grower, its foliage being of great size and wonderfully healthy and luxuriant. The fruit is borne on tall stems which hold them well up from the sand and dirt below. The berries are perfect in shape, beautiful in color, enormous in size and exceedingly prolific, succeeding well on all soils. Either as a market, home or exhibition berry it is par excellence. Could we grow but one variety this would be our choice. Fine plants, 50c. per dozen; $2.00 per 100; $15 per 1,000.

Ocean City—A new berry of wonderful value. Its great points of value are, enormous size, surpassing almost any other known sort, and enormously productive. Unlike all other berries, which are usually shy bearers, this one is very prolific. In beauty it has no equal, and always brings a larger price in market than any other. It is a hardy and vigorous grower, supposed to be a cross between Wilson and Sharpless. From what we know of it we believe it is a variety of pronounced value. Fine plants, 60c. per dozen, $2.00 per 100; $16.00 per 1,000.

SPECIAL OFFER.

Six plants each of the above four finest Strawberries for $1.00; 12 plants each for $1.50; 100 plants each for $6.00.

Alpine Everbearing—These are everbearing, fruiting freely from June till October. The plants increase rapidly by runners like ordinary sorts. All perfectly hardy in any climate. Fruit most deliciously flavored, and produced freely. Price, 25c. per dozen, $1.00 per 100.

Red Alpine—Long, dark crimson, high, aromatic flavor, great yielder. 25c. per doz.

White Alpine—Same as the above, but a beautiful snowy white in color. 25c. per dozen.

Black Alpine—A sort bearing large fruit which is of a dark crimson black color, and highly flavored. Contrasts finely with the white and red varieties. 25c. per doz.

New Raspberries.

Childs' Allsummer—An everbearer, commencing to ripen its large berries in July and continues until killed by autumn frosts. The plants are strong and vigorous, growing three to five feet in height, standing erect without stakes or other support. Foliage very large and rank, dark green above and silvery white underneath. In hardiness nothing can surpass it, as it has never been injured in the severest climate. It is immensely prolific, the berries being of great size, and dark red in color; quality extra fine.

Souchet Everbearing White—An extra large berry of a beautiful light amber, almost pure white color. Plant has the same general habit as Childs' Allsummer, but it is better for dry soils. Perfectly hardy, vigorous and a great cropper, both summer and fall. The fruit is of extra fine quality. In fact we think it the finest flavored of all Raspberries, therefore most desirable for the home garden. Its beautiful color contrasting with red or black varieties makes a very appetizing dish when served together. In many respects this is the very finest Raspberry in cultivation.

Great American—This giant berry is the "Eureka" of Luther Burbank. It is the largest berry in cultivation, being a real giant by the side of our common garden varieties, like Cuthbert, Gregg, Souhegan, etc. Color, bright red, firm, very productive, of a luscious, piquant, acid flavor, so much admired. Twice as large as Shaffer's Colossal, which is one of the largest berries in cultivation. Bushes compact in growth, free from prickles, robust, and of ironclad hardiness. This is one of the great berry novelties of our time and must become the standard in every garden.

Columbian—A Raspberry of gigantic size, the canes growing to the height of 10 to 16 feet, strong and woody. Very hardy and vigorous. Fruit large, dark red with small seeds. A Cap variety, never suckers and is increased by tips. This is really a wonderful berry, and one which should have a place in all gardens, it being so entirely distinct from all others.

Mohler—A new berry of great merit. Claimed to be the finest Black Cap in cultivation. It is a strong grower, very hardy and early to ripen. Fruit of largest size and best flavor, and produced in enormous quantity, almost double that of any other Black Cap. It is certainly a most valuable acquisition.

Cault—A new Black Cap which produces its fruit in enormous clusters, and is a true everbearer, fruiting freely from June until killed by October frosts. Plants set this spring will fruit next fall and give a good crop. Fruit of gigantic size and fine quality.

PRICE *of above Raspberries, 15c. each; 3 for 30c.; 12 for $1.00. One each of the 6 sorts for 50c.; 3 each for $1.40.*

Hybrid Berries.

(New Hybrids Between Blackberry and Raspberry.)

These are hybrids between the Raspberry and Blackberry, produced by Luther Burbank, the well-known horticultural expert. We have owned the entire stock of these two great berries for five years, and have thorughly tested them. Primus was first offered three years ago and has given great satisfaction. Both are hardy, vigorous, enormously productive, and berries of wonderful size—perfect giants—while in quality they are so preeminently fine as to leave nothing to be desired.

Primus—This is one of Mr. Burbank's greatest productions, and he says of it. "This was my first success with Blackberry-Raspberry Hybrids, and it has been fully tested for several seasons. It is one of the most productive berries known, and is larger and more regular in shape than any other berry Its flavor is unique; nothing like it has before appeared. All pronounce it superior when cooked, and eaten raw it is claimed to be the best berry ever tasted." This berry is really enormous in size of fruit and vigor of growth. Its flavor is like that of a Raspberry and Blackberry combined; fruit long and handsome, of a Mulberry-black color. Its season of fruiting is earlier than either the Raspberry or Blackberry, following closely upon the Strawberry, often before Standard Blackberries commence to bloom. Bushes incline to a trailing habit, and are best trained upon wires like Grapevines. It is somewhat of a perpetual bearer showing more or less fruit all summer. In a greenhouse it is a great thing, for it will fruit splendidly all winter, and prove exceedingly profitable. It is as hardy as an Oak in any climate, and a sure cropper every year.

Phenomenal—This is larger than the largest berry ever before known. It has a bright crimson Raspberry color, is as productive as could be desired, and the most delicious of all berries for canning and drying. The berries grow in clusters of 5 to 10 or more each, and individual berries measure 3 inches around one way, by 4 inches the other way, and weigh one-quarter ounce each; even larger ones were weighed and measured last season.

Price, 25c. each; one of each for 40c.; $2.00 per dozen.

The Balloon Berry.

Another wonderful new fruit from Japan offered now for the first time. The plant grows 10 to 15 feet high, and like the Wineberry the canes are covered with silky red hairs. Fruit ripens all summer, and is very large, shaped somewhat like a Strawberry, or more like a balloon, from which its name is derived. Color of fruit, clear yellow, tinged red; as large and as handsome as the Tree Strawberry. In fact it contrasts magnificently with that superb fruit, the ruby color of the one and golden yellow of the other, together with the enormous size of both, making a glorious show. Luther Burbank, who has grown this berry for several years, and from whom we purchased the entire stock, says of it: "It came to me from my collector in Japan, who found it back in the interior. It is a large growing, vigorous, hardy plant, somewhat inclined to trail. Grows 10 to 15 feet long, and an inch or more in diameter at the base in good soil. Leaves very handsome, compound, lanceolate. Fruit, which is ripening nearly all summer, is clear yellow shaded red; inflated so as to resemble a balloon. Cultivation will make it as delicious as it is ornamental. A most unique, highly ornamental and valuable berry, unlike anything else." Fine plants, 40c. each; 3 for $1.00. Fresh seed at 25c. per pkt.; 3 pkts. for 60c.

New Climbing Raspberry, Golden Climber.

A MOST UNIQUE AND VALUABLE NOVELTY.

A climbing Raspberry is a novelty of more than ordinary importance, and one that is sure to delight all who appreciate the unique and valuable in horticulture. This berry has grown and fruited with us for two years, and we can offer it with our strongest recommendation. Planted in a good rich soil, near a building or trellis, it will grow 10 to 15 feet in a season, and the strong, vigorous branches may be fastened up to trellis or building as one would secure a Grapevine. Its fruit ripens very early, (one of the very first of all Raspberries), and is produced in very large clusters, is of good size and fine quality, and deep golden yellow in color. Foliage large, vigorous and healthy, and it is a berry of the most thorough ironclad hardiness. It being such a rank grower and producing such an enormous amount of wood makes it immensely productive. It will probably yield twice as much fruit as any other sort. It is ornamental as well as useful, and taken all in all our customers will find it exceedingly valuable, and capable of being put to many good uses. Fine, strong plants, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

Childs' Everbearing Tree Blackberry.

For a blackberry it is the largest, finest flavored, most prolific, fruiting for two months, and requires no stakes. This fine novelty, of which we control the entire stock, is surely one of the most desirable new things we ever offered, and what we say of it we speak from what we have seen and tested, and not from what others say. It grows from five to seven feet high, branching freely into a fine tree form, as seen in the cut, straight and erect, requiring no stake. The berries are of enormous size, equalled only by the Erie: borne in large clusters, which commence to ripen early in July and continue into September, making its fruiting period nearly two months or more. The finest Blackberries we ever ate we picked about September first from some of these plants which had been ripening fruit since July 8th. They are exceedingly sweet, juicy and delicious, melting in the mouth without a particle of hard core. Its delicate flavor, great productiveness, enormous size, long season of bearing, and perfect hardiness in the coldest parts of the country, make it the most valuable of all berries for family use. Some of our customers who bought it last spring report that the plants fruited last summer, and berries proved to be the largest and finest ever seen, and that the symmetrical branching of the plants makes them perfect little trees.

PRICE—First quality, large and strong, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; 12 for $1.50.

Two Fine Blackberries.

Price—3 for 25c.; 12 for 75c.; 100 for $2.50.

Erie—It is in every sense a superb Blackberry, being enormously prolific, hardy, the fruit large in size, perfect in shape, sweet and luscious in quality. Is soft and melting to the taste, being rich and sugary to the very core.

Early Harvest—The earliest Blackberry grown and in every way a grand good sort. Often grows eight feet high and a perfect mass of fruit from top to bottom.

The Tree Strawberry.

Or Strawberry-Raspberry.

This is one of the most unique and at the same time the most beautiful berry of any kind that has yet appeared before the public. It comes to us from Japan, and is said to be a hybrid between the Strawberry and Raspberry. Whether this is correct or not we are unable to say, but that the plant is entirely hardy without protection and a prolific yielder, we can bear testimony from personal observation. In habit of growth the plant is distinct from both the fruits named. The root is perennial, throwing up numerous strong branching shoots, which are covered with its large, beautiful berries the whole summer, from early in July until freezing weather, rendering it a perpetual bearer. The canes or shoots die to the earth in winter, new ones being thrown up the following spring, which begin blooming and setting fruit at once. The foliage is light green in color, bright, clean, cheerful and pleasing, and exempt from attacks of all insects and diseases. The berries are globular, slightly oblong in form, ranging in size from 1¼ to 1½ inches long and one to 1¼ inches in diameter, sweet and melting and of such transcendent beauty as to cause everyone to shout with amazement upon first seeing a plant in bearing. The blossoms too, should not be overlooked. They resemble in appearance small single roses (the petals being cupped) snow white in color, and are as richly and deliciously fragrant as Gardenias or Orange blossoms. As these exquisite flowers are produced constantly from early spring until autumn, the plant is well worthy of cultivation if it produced nothing but flowers.

PRICE *of strong plants, 15c. each; 4 for 50c.; 10 for $1.00.*

New Apples.

Two-Faced—The tree bears an apple which is half sour, like a Greening, and the other half is sweet, like the Tallman. This is one of the most peculiar freaks which has ever been observed in vegetation.

Ruby Gem—As its name implies this is an apple of the most brilliant ruby-red color imaginable, and being of large size and perfect in form it is the handsomest variety we have ever seen.

Glowing Coal—The fruit is enormous in size and as fair as wax; one-half bright shining red while the other half is intense scarlet. It is of extra fine quality, mild sub-acid and ripens early in September.

Bismarck—This new Dwarf Apple is indeed a wonder. Little trees a foot or two in height will bear a few apples of enormous size, either growing in pots or in the ground.

Price of above, 25c. each; $2.00 per dozen; the four for 80c.

Three Grandest Plums.

Delaware or Dwarf-Weeping Plum—A superb and highly ornamental tree of short, symmetrical growth and long branches which droop to the ground. The best Plum in existence, with a most exquisite flavor like that of the Delaware Grape.

Shipper—Tree a large, rank grower and enormously prolific. Fruit of large size, rich, juicy and sweet.

Juicy—Skin thin and transparent, light yellow underlaid with scarlet—as beautiful as wax. In quality it seems to us that there is no other fruit which can approach it. It has a delicious sweetness, mingled with a sprightly acid, and a high melting plum flavor.

Price of these three Plums, 25c. each; the 3 for 60c.

Peaches.

Excelsior—The tree is a dwarf of low-spreading, willow-like habit of growth, and the fruit buds are so hardy that it produces a full annual crop when all others fail. Fruit medium to large, rich orange-yellow, splashed with carmine on the sunny side, flesh yellow, juicy, very sweet, tender and rich.

Dwarf Japanese—This is the earliest of all Peaches. It is a dwarf growing, very stocky variety from Japan, bearing when three or four feet high; a little tree, one year planted, matured twenty-four fine specimens.

Champion—Fruit very large, often 10 inches in circumference. Flavor most delicious, juicy, sweet and rich, surpassing most other varieties. Color, a beautiful creamy white.

The Lemon Peach—Extra fine and entirely distinct fruit, being oblong or lemon-shaped, pointed at the apex. Color, pale lemon when ripe. It is of large size, fine specimens measuring over 13 inches in circumference; medium early.

The Orange Peach—This glorious Peach is a highly valuable and distinct variety, its enormous fruit closely resembling large, luscious oranges, and a tree in bearing reminds one of the orange groves of Florida.

Price, 25c. each; $1.50 per dozen; the 5 for $1.00.

Pear.

Idaho—The King of Pears. Fruit grows to an enormous size, often weighing a pound and a half, and entirely coreless and seedless. It is yellowish in color outside, while the flesh is nearly snow-white and of the very richest quality found among Pears.

Koonce—The earliest Pear known, and one of the very finest new sorts ever introduced. Size medium to large, exceedingly handsome, yellow, with bright red cheek; spicy, juicy, sweet.

40c. each; the 2 for 75c.

Eleagnus Longipes.

A shrub, fruiting when only three or four feet high, and probably never exceeds five or six feet when fully grown. The fruit is borne in quantity the whole length of the branches, is oblong or olive shape and about the color of a dark red cherry. It has a small pit and an excellent flavor, being rich, juicy, sprightly, and more luscious than the cherry. It ripens in July and August. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

Great Japanese Wineberry.

The fruit is borne in large clusters, often 75 to 100 berries in a bunch. These berries are from the time of formation and bloom until they ripen, enclosed in a "burr" which is formed by the calyx covering them entirely. When ripe the "burr" opens, exhibiting a large berry of the brightest light glossy scarlet or sherry wine-color. The flavor of the fruit is entirely different from any other berry, being very sprightly, sweet and juicy, having no disagreeable sour, but a delicate and luscious flavor peculiar to itself and superior to other berries. It is absolutely free from all insect ravages. 15c. each; 3 for 30c.; 15 for $1.00; 100 for $4.00.

EMPIRE CURRANT.

Currant.

Childs' Giant Ruby—The berries are very large, borne in enormous clusters of twenty to thirty. In color they are the most beautiful ruby scarlet, sparkling and glossy, and being so large in size they catch every eye and sell more readily and for much better prices than any other variety. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; 12 for $1.50.

Empire—New giant sort introduced by us last spring. Extra large, almost the size of grapes; color, richest scarlet red. 30c. each; 3 for 75c.; 12 for $2.00.

Purity—Companion to Empire, but pure white in color, having the same tremendous size and other good qualities. 40c. each; 3 for $1.00.

Crandall Tree—A strong and rapid grower, attaining a height of seven feet and branching freely into a fine symmetrical tree form; single shoots often grow four to five feet in one season. It bears every year a tremendous crop of large black fruit nearly the size of a grape, the quality of which is entirely unlike that of any other black sort. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; 12 for $1.50.

Five Finest Grapes.

Early Ohio—This is the earliest of all Grapes; originated at Euclid, Ohio, in 1882. The third year from seed it set 30 clusters of fruit which were allowed to grow; they ripened August 20th. It has borne large crops every year since, ripening in 1889 the 15th of August, and always as early as the 20th of the month; fully one week to ten days earlier than any other.

Moore's Diamond—This is probably the finest of all white Grapes. The vine is hardy and healthy in growth, vigorous and perfectly free from mildew. Berries large, of a beautiful light straw color—almost white—and of a most delicious quality.

Niagara—The leading white Grape of the day. Berries very large, borne in large bunches. Flavor sweet and delicious, there being but very few varieties which can equal it. It is exceedingly productive and as hardy and robust in any locality as the Concord.

Golden Pocklington—A very sweet and delicious Grape of a beautiful amber color. Hardy, vigorous and productive. A magnificent sort.

Moyer—An extra early Grape, about the size and color of the old Delaware, but with a larger bunch. It is, perhaps, sweeter and more delicious than any other Grape grown.

Price, 2 year old Vines, 20c. each; the 5 for 80c.; $1.50 per dozen.

Apricot Bougoume.

Perfectly hardy and bears when only two or three feet high. Fruit ripens in early summer, before Peaches or any other good fruit, in fact the earliest of the Apricots. Fruit large and a beautiful golden color, rich, sweet and juicy, of finest flavor, and good, solid flesh. 30c. each; 4 for $1.00.

Date,.....*189*

John Lewis Childs, Floral Park, Queens Co., N. Y.

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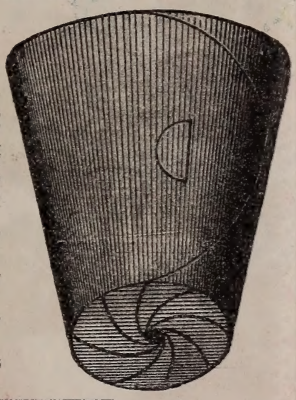

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Size, 2¼ inches, 25c. per dozen; per 100, $1.00.

Size, 2½ inches, 30c. per dozen; per 100, $1.25.

Size, 3 inches, 35c. per dozen; per 100, $1.50.

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A New Sure Death to All Plant Pests, Flies, Mosquitoes, Moths and Other Troublesome Insects.

This wonderful new article, which is made for us in Italy is a piece of punk-like substance which when ignited produces no flame but a large quantity of smoke. This smoke will kill all flies, mosquitoes, moths, gnats or other insects which may be in the room where the smoke is made. For fumigating plants infested with aphis, mealy-bugs or other insects it is the best thing known, and the most convenient to use. The smoke is in no way injurious or offensive to any person. On the other hand it is a valuable disinfectant, cleansing and purifying a room of all disease germs or other impurities. Burn one at night to kill mosquitoes in your sleeping room, or at any time to rid a room of flies or moths; and fumigate your plants to kill all insects with which they may be infested. It is made in cakes or bricks 1½ inches long. Price, by mail postpaid, per box of one dozen bricks, 20c.; per box of two dozen bricks, 30c.

A NEW INSECTICIDE OF GREAT VALUE.

The Most Convenient to Use, and The Surest of All Insect Killers.

It is with great pleasure that we offer this, the greatest of all compounds for destroying insects of every kind and description. It is a paste, a teaspoonful of which is dissolved in a pint of warm water (or a tablespoonful in a quart of water). With this water the infested plants are sprayed, washed, syringed or sprinkled. It kills every insect with which it comes in contact, on the spot; also, their eggs and larvæ. Those which escape its touch die afterwards, by feeding upon the plant which has been syringed. Though so destructive to all insect life, it is non-poisonous and harmless to vegetation when diluted as directed. It dissolves quickly and readily in cold water. It is a great discovery and is absolutely sure death to every form of insect life at touch. Price, in seven-ounce cans, postpaid, 40c.; 3 cans, $1.00.

Potting Soil.

Many people, especially those residing in cities, find it difficult to get good potting soil, and we have been urged to prepare a good mixture for general use and offer it. This we have done, and here offer a rich, sandy sod loam, mixed with a proper quantity of old, pulverized manure, leaf mold and bone dust. It is just the soil which suits all sorts of plants and bulbs best. It is finely sifted and will be sent by express or freight at buyer's expense. Price, 80c. per bushel; $1.50 per bbl.

CHILDS' EXCELSIOR FERTILIZER.

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A NEW ODORLESS FERTILIZER FOR POT PLANTS.

Makes Plants Grow and Bloom Luxuriantly, and Drives Insects from the Soil.

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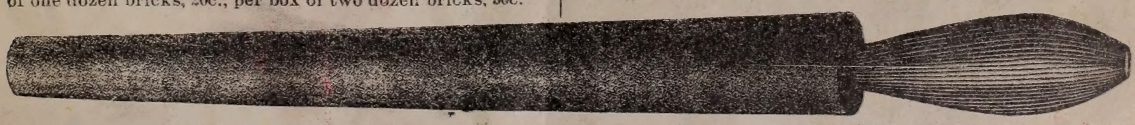

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